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GLAD TIDINGS!

Hands up, who enjoyed Christmas? Clearly not the three million of us who had family rows, as a special Mori poll in Weekend Times reveals today



BON APPETIT!

Also in Weekend Times, Jonathan Meades awards his new year honours to two of London's most promising chefs, Richard Neat (left) and Philip Howard



OWZAT!

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Alec Stewart will remember his first day as England captain after seeing a batsman given out handled the ball, one of cricket's most unusual forms of dismissal Page 30

Airlift beef hit by 'mad cow' fears

EC to auction food in two Russian cities

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE West swung into action yesterday to try to ensure that the former Soviet republics painful transition to market economies is a success.

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As more republics freed prices, trebling the cost of basic goods, the European Community announced plans to auction food in Moscow and St Petersburg. The enterprise means EC officials will effectively manage the nascent market.

At the same time, America backed immediate full membership of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank for six of the republics; which would give them access to billion dollars in loans. Bankers from the former

National hero seriously ill



RED RUM, above, three times winner of the Grand National in the 1970, is seriously ill at his Chol-mondeley stables in Cheshire.

Now 27, the Aintree legend has a blockage in an artery and his former trainer, Donald McCain, is not optimistic that the horse will recover. "He is poorty and the vet is seeing him every day. All we can do is keep our fingers crossed,"

Yugoslavia talks reopen

The European Community peace conference on Yugoslavia is scheduled to resume in Brussels on Thursday, a Portuguese foreign ministry spokes-man said yesterday. Lord Carrington, chairman of the conference, earlier yesterday proposed that it be reconvened, just before the latest ceasefire took effect. Cyrus Vance, the UN

special envoy, said that the latest truce, the 14th in six months of war, was "a very serious agreement".page 9

Ratner doubt

Analysts say that Ratner Group, Britain's biggest jeweller, may be forced to close up to 100 stores because of the effects of the recession. The City expects the group's Christmas trading figures, out next week, to be poor page 17

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A 240-tonne cargo of British beef bound for Russia and Ukraine was held up yes-terday at Stansted airport, Essex, because of Russian fears over mad cow disease. The planes due to lift the EC food aid are now expected to leave later today...... Page 16

Soviet Union meanwhile met officials from 18 countries to work out how its foreign debt should be rescheduled.

Belarussia yesterday follow ed Russia, Ukraine and Moldavia in ending subsidies. Kazakhstan will raise prices on Monday and Uzbekistan on Friday. The Central Asian republics say they may do the The European inmative is

signed to put food worth £175 million into Russian shops by the end of March, and precautions will be taken to ensure that it does not fired its way to the black market, as other Western aid has done. Meat, milk powder, butter, vegetable oil and baby food will be sold at public auction to shop managers and dis-tributers, who will be allowed a 20 per cent mark-up.

The auctions, expected to start in the next two weeks, will be closely scrutinised and signed by an EC official and his local counterpart. Shops will be subject to spot checks to make sure that they are not overcharging or selling on to the black market.

Michael Emerson, the EC ambassador to Moscow, said yesterday that the operation had been agreed at the Maastricht summit after appeals from Moscow and St Petersburg, but the decision to provide food for sale could prove controversial. The project will be seen by some as tantamount to political support for two city governments that are

facing increasing opposition. The sales also mean that

Palestinians suspend talks in Washington

BY RICHARD BEESTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PALESTINIAN leaders yesterday postponed plans to attend next week's peace talks in Washington in protest at Israel's decision to deport 12 Palestinians from the occupied territories. Their decision threatens to bring the Middle East peace process to

a halt In a move highlighting the polarisation between Israel and the Palestinians before the third round of direct negotiations, the delegation announced that it had suspended travel plans pending a final decision by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders in Tunis.

The expulsion was condemned by Britain, the United States and the PLO. The Foreign Office said: "We de-plore the decision. This is contrary to international law and particularly provocative at this stage in the peace Continued on page 16, col 1

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initially only the better off will benefit, even though the proceeds are to go into a special fund that will eventually help the poorest Russians. There were further suspicions yes-terday that the operation would support wealthy European farmers while keeping down the price of food sold by

Russian farmers.

But Mr Emerson empha-sised that the sales were intended to help the market find its true level. A similar operation had worked in Po-land, where it had limited hoarding and helped to see

The food sale programme is one of four EC operations, worth a total of £1,575 mitlion, to help former Soviet republics. Another provides credits for buying grain, meat, butter and medical supplies, while a third is supplying meat, milk powder and baby food direct to hospitals; schools and families in need. The fourth offers £350 million in credit guarantees for loans to buy food.

The prospect of millions of pounds more in loans to help with the economic revolution was raised vesterday when the Bush administration said it would press for six of the republics to be given full quickly as possible. Ukraine applied for membership last week and others are expected

Nicholas Brady, the Treasury Secretary, said America would initially support applications from Ukraine, Russia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia and Armenia. It would back the other republics when they met American conditions for establishing diplomatic relations.

The support of America. which opposed full membership for the Soviet Union, vir-Continued on page 16, col 8

Moscow moves, page 9

Mob law: supporters of President Gamsakhurdia of Georgia carrying away one of the rebel gunmen beaten to death in Tbilisi yesterday

Georgia mob beats rebel gunmen to death

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN TRILLS

THE struggle for Georgia became increasingly brutal and desperate vesterday. President Gamsakhurdia appealed for a general strike as clashes continued and an enraged crowd beat to death at least one rebel gumman after he fired into demonstrators.

The rebels took their fight to the government with tanks and artillery. Tracer fire soared over the city centre and up to a mile beyond, while smoke rose from besieged government building. At least two pro-Gamsa-

khurdia demonstrators were killed as shots rang out and at least three others were injured. One middle-aged woman, tears pouring down her cheeks, raged against the rebel groups. "These are fascists. They call themselves democrats, but they're fas-

The demonstration was in defiance of a "state of emergency" declared by a military council set up by the rebel groups on Thursday as a prehude to a provisional government. It is headed by Tengiz Kitovani, a former Gamsakhurdia ally. Protesters carried only two pictures of

Gamsakhurdia, who is still fighting for his life after 12 days in a bunker, as though their belief in his longevity was waning. President Gamsakhurdia,

in a message broadcast by state radio, called on Georgians to defy the military Kitovani's National Guard and the numerically superior Mhedrioni (horsemen) of Jaba Ioseliani. He denounced the military council as a junta without popular support and said he was still in control of the former Soviet republic from his bunker.

Georgi Chanturia, one of

the political leaders of the coalition bent on ousting the president, said today "should be the most decisive day" in the battle for Georgia.

Earlier, supporters of the president kicked and beat at east one member of a dozenstrong commando squad sent pro-government rally. Witnesses doubted if the commando survived. The commandos from the

shadowy Mhedrioni militia were making a clumsy and ultimately brutal attempt to enforce the state of emergency. including a ban on public meetings, that was proc-

laimed on Thursday night The masked guerrillas initially fired deafening automatic volleys over the heads of the 2.000 or so people gathered at a railway sidings to chant their support for the president. But the commandos. who also threw smoke bombs panic as they were met with a hall of stones and fired several

shots at the demonstrators. The mob captured one of the commandos and took turns to beat and kick him in the head. There were uncon-Continued on page 16 col 8

Man in the news, page 9

Learning to read becomes poll issue as parties row over costs

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE teaching of reading became a front-rank election issue yesterday as government and Opposition offered rival schemes to raise stan-dards in primary schools and clashed over the cost of an intensive programme to combat illiteracy.

Last month's national curriculum test results showed that almost half the sevenyear-olds in some areas could not read fluently. One in three throughout England failed to reach the level ex-

pected of the age group.

Ministers have allocated £3 million for a pilot project, to introduce the "reading recovery" programme developed in New Zealand, claiming that a shortage of trainers made it impossible to spend more. Labour promised a nat-

some Labour authorities to take part. Primary schools in areas with the worst results will be given extra money to finance personal tuition for the slowest readers. Dame Marie Clay, who devised the system

times as much. Jack Straw, she denied having been approached for the job.

Mr Eggar said: "We would Labour's education spokesman, also accused ministers not have wanted to spend £42 of stealing his party's ideas and said that the size of the

million, but we are spending initiative showed that the govas much as we can manage given the availability of trainernment was not serious about tackling the problem. ers." Mr Straw said that a "reading recovery" scheme Details of the government's programme, confined to infor the whole country would ner cities, will be announced be a top priority for a Labour government. The cost would next week. Tim Eggar, the be about £42 million, money education minister, said that that would be saved by scrapthe launch had been delayed ping the assisted places because of the reluctance of

Doug McAvoy, National Union of Teachers general secretary, said the government scheme was simply reinventing remedial education - a service destroyed by Tory cuts. Labour's plan fell way short of what was needed.

The Linekers begin their long haul back

ional scheme costing 14

By STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GARY Lineker, who has received more than 10,000 messages from well-wish-ers, yesterday delivered one of his own. As long as his son, George, responded to treatment, he intended to lead England into the European championship finals in Sweden this summer before ending

his international career. Lineker, speaking publicly for the first time since he learned his three-monthold son had acute myeloid leukaemia.

old son had acute myeloid leukaemia.
said: "I'm playing every game for Tottenham Hotspur, and I hope for Engiand, too." Lineker, aged 31, has scored
46 goals for England, and needs four
more to beat Bobby Charlton's record.
His future, including the proposed
move to Japan next February, will depend on the medical builetins from
Great Ormond Street Hospital. Typically, during a small press conference yes-

terday, he launched an appeal on behalf of the hospital which had become home for his wife, Michelle, and son.

On New Year's day, when he learnt he had been made an OBE, his wife and son were released temporarily for the light time since the Manual Transfer time. first time since the illness was diagnosed in November; they return to hospital next week for more chemotherapy for the baby. "To look at him lying in his cot at the moment, you wouldn't think he was ill. Until ten days ago, he was critical." Lincker said. "Everything is going as well as it could, but it is a long haul. It is like the Grand National, with every fence the size of Becher's Brook."

Lineker said he initially broke down "at the shock and the horror of it alf" but had learnt to cope. The cards, letters and flowers had been a source of great comfort. His wife had wanted to reply to each one, but since it had taken nearly six weeks to read half the messages. Lineker used the press conference to express their gratitude. Tottenham Hotspur have also helped. Left to choose for himself when to return, he picked the game against Leeds United on December 14. But Heathrow was fogbound and his plan was foiled. Since his return he has scored three goals in five matches for Tottenham; tomorrow he plays against Aston Villa in the third round of the FA Cup.
"I'm not particulary religious myself, but so many people say they are praying

at Auckland University, was

said to have been recruited to

run the project, but yesterday

for him [George]. They have asked what clse they can do, and I would like to say that there is somebody in the next cubi-cle to George who will die shortly if he does not have a bone marrow transplant." He urged volunteers, who must be between 18 and 40 and weigh at least eight stone, to apply to Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG. "What a wonderful feeling that would be, to save somebody else's life."



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Brooke may restart Ulster talks before end of this month



Sir Ninian: potential

THERE is renewed optimism in political circles in Northern Ireland that talks on the future of the province could begin again, possi-bly before the end of this month.

After further exploratory meetings with party leaders, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, is believed to be working on basically the same formula as last year but with some important amendments.

However, the violence continued yesterday and the troubles claimed their first victim of 1992 when Loyalist gunmen shot and killed a Roman Catholic man in

The victim, named locally as Kevin McKearney, aged 32, was shot at his father's butcher's shop

Despite failure last year, the Northern Ireland secretary is hoping to resume discussions on the province's future, Edward Gorman reports

in the centre of Moy at about 5 pm. The victim's uncle, who was also in the shop, was seriously wounded. A girl aged ten sitting in a car near the shop was grazed by a bullet fired by the gunmen as

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The talks on the province's future will again consist of three simultaneous strands, beginning between party leaders in Northern Ireland, followed by talks between the leaders and the Irish government and, finally, discussions between London and Dublin. All three sets of talks will take place during a pre-arranged gap in meetings of the Anglo-Irish

The amendments, which have yet to be ratified by Dublin and the Social Democratic and Labour Party, but appear to have been agreed in discussion between Mr Brooke and unionists, include changing the location of opening meetings in strand one from Belfast to London and reducing party negotiating teams from ten people

The first talks are planned to begin after the next Anglo-Irish conference meeting, scheduled for January 20, and to continue until the start of the general election campaign in Britain. There will be another conference meeting during the campaign. Talks could resume after the election, though unionists have said they cannot guarantee their participation if Labour is returned to power.

One of many potential obstacles is the proposed retention of Sir Ninian Stephen, the former governor-general of Australia, as independent chairman for strand two. Since the breakdown of talks last summer, Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, has said that he would not accept Sir Ninian.

Progress thus far suggests that

of achieving some sort of agree-ment, even if he does not remain in office long enough to bring it to fruition himself. But, prospects this time round are probably even worse than last.

For months last year it was being said privately by officials at the Northern Ireland office and among those close to the party leaders in the province that meaningful talks could not take place this side of a general election.

To many observers, it seems that what is bringing the parties to-gether is merely the recent growth in violence and the need to be seento be doing something about it. rather than a serious conviction that political progress is possible.

thought to have been carried out in retaliation for the shooting of a protestant man in the village by republicans on December 21.

Robin Farmer, aged 19. a sudent at home on holiday from university in Scotland, died shielding his father, a former RUC reservist, from attack by a lone gunman. Mr McKearney, who died yesterday, is believed to be the third member of his family killed in the troubles.

In a separate incident, the wife and 18-month-old daughter of a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment escaped uninjured after an IRA booby trap bomb failed to detonate properly under the family car in east Belfast.

Tories plan assault on Labour's tax strategy

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

MINISTERS preparing to enter the lists in what promises to be one of the main battlegrounds of the general election are planning to capitalise on remarks made yesterday by Margaret Beckett, Labour's shadow chief secretary, that her party's top income tax rate would apply to annual earnings "substantially higher" than £27,000 to

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and Chris Patten, party chairman, intend to contrast her forecast, and that of John Smith, shadow chancellor, on Monday, that the proposed 50 per cent rate would bite at "substantially above" £30,000, with a promise by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, in April, 1989 that the planned top rate "would hit only a small minority earning more than £40.000 a year. They say Labour's tax plans would penalise up to an extra one

million higher-rate payers. Labour plans a top tax rate of 50 per cent but has not specified precisely the point on the income scale at which . In addition, it would abolish the national insurance contributions' ceiling, adding 9 per cent to the marginal rates of tax for all

those earning above £20,280. Ministers will maintain that Labour is planning to pitch its highest tax band on taxable incomes of nearer £30,000 a year rather than around the £40,000 figure previously quoted by Opposi-tion leaders. The Tories estimate that an extra one million people would be faced with paying tax and NI at 59 per cent if the threshold were

lowered from £40,000 to £30,000. The existing threshold for higher rate income tax of 40 per cent is a taxable income of E23,700. Inclusion of personal allowances means that the higher rate is payable on gross earnings of £28,715 for a married man and £26,995 for a single person.

Suspicions that Labour might pitch its top rate nearer £30,000 have been raised by a series of parliamentary questions to the Treasury by two Labour MPs, which ministers believe were tabled in a "fishing expedition" to give the Labour Treasury team

essential information. The privatised electricity industry faces tough curbs under an incoming Labour government, Frank Dobson, the Opposition's energy spokesman, said yesterday as he condemned a 34 per cent increase in profits as the pro-ceeds of a "legalised racket".

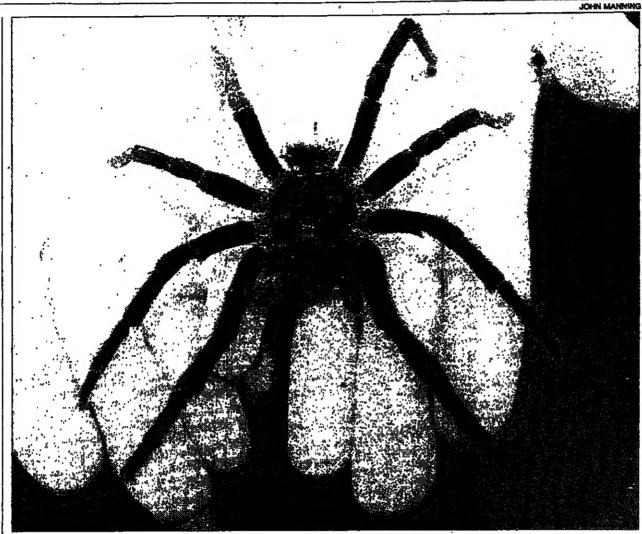
Mr Dobson said Labour would create a "rigorous" new regulatory watchdog with greater powers to curb price rises and make sweeping changes in the way gener revenue. Rewards would be directed at the companies which saved energy.

"The priority in future is not energy sales but energy saving. Energy saving will benefit the customer, husband our fuel reserves, protect the environment and help the balance of

payments. But John Wakeham, the energy secretary, said that prices were already controlled by the regulatory body Offer. He attributed higher profits to greater efficiency.

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Poison peril: a Guatemalan red-rumped tarantula, shown life-size, which can paralyse a man and kill a pet

Warning: killer spider on the loose

from a south London suburb following the disappearance of a brachypelma mesomelas. also known as a Guatemalan red-rumped tarantula, which can be poisonous, cunning, and aggressive when cornered.

The spider was stolen from a house in Forest Hill during a burglary in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Actual size:

64 ins diameter

Christened Ariadne by his owner, who wishes to remain anonymous, the bird-eating spider is black with a coat of crimson hairs on his back.

ARACHNOPHOBES would Inspector Charles Griggs. ther will slow him down. Ari- propei him into the pan with the spider, said: "The creature is about the size of a fist and we understand that a single bite from his fangs could paralyse an adult for up to ten hours or kill a house-

hold pet." Police warned anyone who found Ariadne to treat him with great caution. "Put the spider in a container and hand him in at the nearest police station," a spokeswoman said.

> varied yesterday on the wis-dom of approaching Ariadne. assuming his captors have set him loose. Paul Hillyard, a spider specialist at the Natural History museum, London. thought confrontation very risky. "Given the prevalence and strength of arachnophobia, it is quite possible the person who comes face to face with the red-rump will die of shock once the spider goes into the threat posture.

Arachnological opinion

The spider rears up. waves his front legs, bears the fangs on his belly and then strikes his prey at speed," he said. At the butterfly house in Syon Park another expert was less alarmed. "The cold wea-

BY ROBIN YOUNG

1990-1, released yesterday.

Since one of the titles. Har-

fatigued if he hasn't been eating property. Deprived of live locusts, crickets or young birds in the nest, the redrump's preferred diet, he will be less quick on his feet."

Ariadne's owner appealed yesterday for the return of her red-rump tarantula. The police spokeswoman said: The spider is ten years old and does not have long to live. Unless he is fed properly and kept in a warm and humid environment, Ariadne's

chances are not good." Forest Hill police believe that the thieves will free Ariadne once they realise his

poisonous potential. The talk in Forest Hill has been on how to capture a cornered, hungry, aggressive bird-eating spider. Mr Hillyard suggested that hunters should wear thick gloves and use a broom and dustpan. "Try and sweep him into the dustpan and avoid his

Above all, householders confronted by brachypelma mesomelas should avoid prodding their prey. "He can move quickly if angered, even one swift movement," Mr

Hillyard said. On the Richter scale of dangerous, bizarre and sometimes repellent pets, bird-eating spiders register a medium-sized tremor of revulsion among owners of more commonplace animal companions.

Arachnophiles, however, are a growing company in Britain. The British Tarantula Society meets regularly to discuss the pleasures and problems of raising a happy. healthy bird-eater.

Boa constrictors and pythons remain popular too, although the possession of venomous reptiles, including cobras, black mambas and rattlesnakes, is illegal.

Red-eared terrapins have

proved popular recently with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles craze. Other unusual pets owned by Britons include Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs. which have a voracious appetite and love eating through telephone wires. Monkeys enjoy continuing popularity but chimpanzees are to be avoided as they can become savage when they reach sexual

Literacy scheme has proved its worth

The government's reading recovery scheme has proved itself in Surrey, Alison Roberts reports

THE reading recovery programme which the government intends to introduce in inner-city schools has been in use in Surrey since 1989. It was devised by a team from the University of Auckland led by Professor Marie Clay and has improved literacy standards in New Zealand where it is a key element in government policy — Austra-lia and the United States.

Six-year-olds in 21 Surrey schools are tested on various aspects of reading ability, including letter recognition and phonetic skills. The lowest four achievers are then given daily individual half-hour ses-

Maria Evans, general inspector for special education for Surrey education authority, said the county had put approximately 200 pupils through the programme. In the first batch two children failed to reach the expected level. In the second it was only

The programme was set up with money from the Hamlyn Foundation, an educational charity. The authority and individual schools share the running costs, which amount to between £600 and £1.000 for each child.

Rachael Simms, aged seven, was put through the programme last year at St Nicholas school, Walton-on-Thames. She is now one of the top five readers in her

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Rachael Simms: helped

Our Street. They were not among the top 20 last year. Enid Blyton also topped one million lendings without

having any one of her books

among the lists of most de-

manded titles. Other chil-

dren's authors exceeding one

million issues were Roald

Dahl and Rene Goscinny.

the author of the Asterix

books. Dahl has 20 books

(12 titles) taking up a fifth of the list of 100 children's

books, while Goscinny

claims a dozen of the remain-ing places. Others were Shir-

ley Hughes with 13, Judy Blume, nine, Eric Hill, sev-en, and Pat Hutchins, six. Hughes with 13, Judy

In all, 66 children's au-

thors are believed to have

achieved more than half a

million loans each, while 184 writers achieved at least 300,000 loans, including

P. G. Wodehouse, Beatrix

Poner, Graham Greene and

The authors with loans

over 1 million were: Cather-

ine Cookson, Agatha Chris-

tie. Dick Francis, Danielle

Steel, Alian and Janet

Ahlberg, Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl, Rene Goscinny, Jack

Higgins, Victoria Holt, Lena

Kennedy, Ed McBain, Ruth

Rendell and Wilbur Smith.

Frederick Forsyth.

Ex-officer killed war veteran

A war veteran and his wife and son were killed on Remembrance Sunday by a former Royal Navy officer who drove into their car head-on at 90mph, an inquest in Salisbury decided yesterday.

The jury was told that Ron-ald Pyzer, aged 40, had veered across double white lines, driven through a field and terrorised drivers before the crash in Semley, Wilishire, in which he also died.

In the other vehicle were Allister "Dan" Dubbins, his wife, Olive, aged 70, and their adopted son, Bryan, aged 36. When he died, Mr Dubbins, aged 72, a former corporal in the Royal Somerset Regiment and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, was wearing his medals after attending a parade in Frome.

The jury returned verdicts of unlawful killing on the Dubbins family and misadventure on Pyzer.

Clarke defends GCSE change

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday re-fused to moderate his plans for big cuts in the amount of coursework allowed to count towards GCSE qualifica-

Head teachers have appealed to Mr Clarke not to impose a maximum of 40 per cent on marks gained outside insisted in Oxford yesterday that the limit was necessary to ensure the qualification's

Court man sets himself alight

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A man set himself alight in front of magistrates in Som-Brookes, aged 31, of Wellington, Somerset, was taken to hospital with facial burns.

· Police said that Mr Brookes, who had been ordered by Taunton Deane magistrates to make a weekly payment for unpaid fines, sprayed inflammable liquid in the temporary court building, then set light to it. He was engulfed in flames, and magistrates and officials were forced to flee as fire swept the

Family killed in house fire

Two boys and a woman believed to be their mother died after fire gutted a house in Telford, Shropshire. Firemen carried the three from a bedroom of the house but the children, aged four and seven, were dead on arrival at hospital. The woman, admitted in a critical condition, died a few hours later.

Police praised neighbours who tried to rescue the woman and boys but who were beaten back." The woman had been seen screaming at a landing win-dow with the children shortly before midnight Thursday.

Newspaper girl raped

A girl aged 14 was seized and raped while delivering newspapers to flats in Old Basing. Hampshire, yesterday. Her attacker, who wore distinctive gold-rimmed glasses, dragged her along a corridor and into a stairwell where the attack took place.

A boy aged nine was sexual-ly assaulted while alone in his parents' house near Warminster, Wiltshire. Police said the man who attacked him called at the house twice asking if the boy's parents were home. He was about 5ft 8in tall with short grey or white hair and a mole on his left cheek.

CORRECTION

Venus is approximately 24.8 million miles from the Earth at the closest point of its orbit. not 248 million miles, as stated in yesterday's Times.

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CATHERINE Cookson claimed even more of the reading public's attention last year than the previous year. The author had 23 titles among the 100 most borrowed library books, according to the public lending right calculations for rogate Secret, appears twice, having been published by Bantam and Corgi. Mrs

Cookson, with a total of 24 books in the list, has come popular than 1990 within an ace of claiming one quarter of the top 100 for herself. whose total rises from four to

Last year she had 22 books in the list. Her two new entries are the Corgi edition of Harrogate Secret and The Wingless Bird from Bantam. both published in 1990. Mrs Cookson's nearest

challenger. Danielle Steel, has 13 of the top 100 places, the same as last year. Dick Francis has added his 1990 publication, Longshot, to the seven already in the list. Jeffrey Archer's total, how-

ever, has fallen from seven to

four, leaving him below Wil-

bur Smith and Lena Kenne-

dy, both with five, and

Cookson: even more

Barbara Taylor Bradford,

The demand for their books at the libraries, however, makes no difference to the authors' public lending right payments. Not even Mrs Cookson is allowed to receive more than the maximum

payment of £6,000 under the

At an increased public lending right rate of 1.81p for each loan, 81 authors have qualified this year for the maximum payment, 26 more than last year. A further 16,783 writers qualified for at least some payment

from the lending rights central fund, 11,653 registered authors received less than E100, and 3,339 nothing. There is still competition from the late Agatha Christie, who appears among the top four for total borrowings due to the large number of different titles she has in constant demand from library shelves. A total of 14 authors

Cookson books top spot at libraries

THOSE WITH TITLES

Catherine Cookson Danielle Steel Dick Francis Lena Kennedy Wilbur Smith

(counting the children's writers Allan and Janet Ahlberg as one) were estimated to have exceeded one million loans in the year from July 1990 to June last year. The list signals an improved performance by the Ahlbergs. but also by the late Lena Kennedy, author of The Dandelion Seed and Down

Wholer Simulation of Berbara Taylor Bradford
Jeffrey Archer
Virgina Andrews
Maeve Binchy
Jack Higgins
Sidney Sheldon

Prince and pauper yield their secrets

BY LIN JENKINS

DETAILS of the private lives Prince of Wales and Gladof all from prince to pauper a century ago became public yesterday when the 1391 census returns were opened for inspection for the first time. There was, however, no mention of the monarch, who was holidaying on the French riviera on the night that the snapshot of Victorian life was

Sandringham's return lists Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, as aged 40, born at Buckingham Palace. London, head of his household and an employer. Above his name, which like everyone else in the country received a one line entry, is Emily Cock.



Prince Edward: listed as head of household a widowed parlour maid liv-

ing at the rectory on the estate. The entry lists 174 people on the Sandringham estate, including the princesses Maud and Victoria. Margaret of Prussia. Lady Suffield, a visitor, Annic Poole, the coffee room maid. and numerous parlour maids, kitchen staff and estate workers.

The year was punctuated by strikes on the railways, in the docks, on London buses and for the first time ever in the civil service when clerks in the Post Office savings bank rebelled against compulsory overtime.

The newspapers that year attributed a tenth London murder to Jack the Ripper. the Marquess of Salisbury's government easily defeated a vote on one man, one vote, and the Commons was fumigated with sulphur after the stone were among 150 people in the building to contract Russian flu.

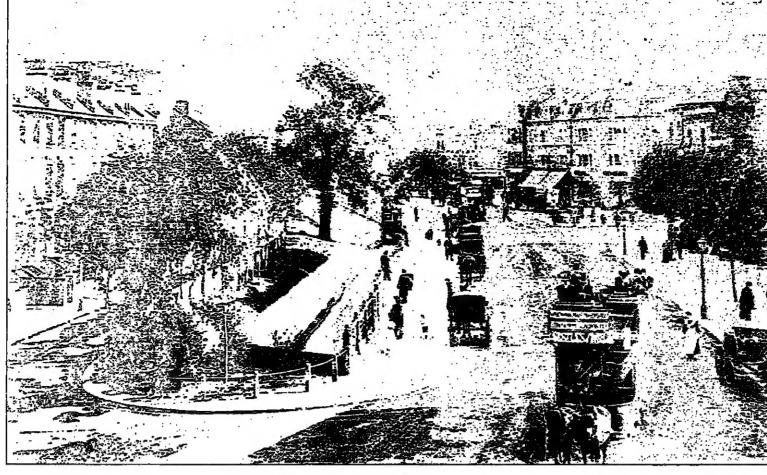
Staff at the Public Record Office traced the entry for Florence Nightingale, then aged 70 and living in South Street, central London, as head of the Nightingale Fund of the Training School for

Historians agree that many of the entries are inaccurate. either because of the illiteracy of those being questioned, or the lack of education among the enumerators. Some people wished to conceal illegitimate children, their ethnic origins and overcrowding in their homes. Others were loath to give correct details as they were defying the 1870 Education Act by not sending their children to school. Few people knew their real age and tended to calculate it in multiples of ten.

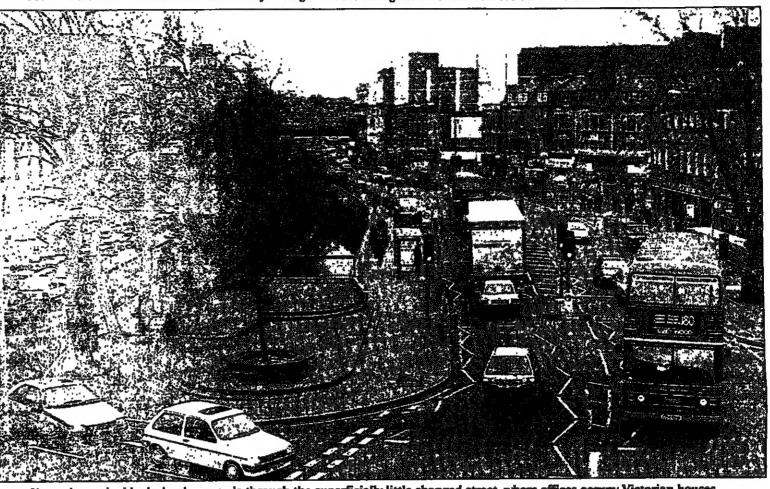
Lord James Douglas fell foul of the authorities for his facetious replies. He was summoned and reprimanded after describing his wife as a "cross sweeper and lunatic" and his son and heir as a shoe black" born in "darkest Africa". Others fared less well and were fined.

While the questions on the form were limited to address, name, marital status, rela-tionship to the head of the household, age, employment status, place of birth, occupation and whether deaf, blind or insane, the reasons for asking them were limited. The results were to be useful for social planning, but questions about occupations were asked merely for public health purposes since it was believed that illness came from poisoned blood resulting from the materials a person worked with.

The Times, in an editorial on April 3, 1891, two days before the date of the census, complained that in the instructions relating to the category of employment "the case of nearly every employment is provided except one. Evidenty the Registrar General considers that literature and journalism are not even callings, let alone professions."



1891: a horse-drawn omnibus makes its way through Lewisham High Street, where census enumerators found clerks in residence



Yesterday: a double-decker bus crawls through the superficially little-changed street, where offices occupy Victorian houses

Clerks' homes are offices a century on

WHERE clerks once lived in southeast London, they now work. A hundred years ago. when census-takers knocked on doors in the terrace of eight houses by the church in Lewisham High Street, they were greeted by civil servants. draper's clerks, ship's stewards, a physician and a florist. And their families. And a few servants. They collected names, ages, occupations, and tallies of who was deaf or blind, and who was an imbecile or an idiot.

Present tenants of the row of stuccoed houses - a firm of chartered surveyors, a firm of accountants, a housing trust. and still a couple of private owners - are not so keen when asked their ages, let alone if they are imbeciles or are harbouring lunatics.

In 1891, the house hard by St Stephen's Church wa No 21. Alfred Goodes, a to bacco manufacturer, aged 49, was head of household. He lived with his wife, Kate. 46, and daughter, Ada, 24. Below stairs, lived Alice Hardy, a servant.

At No 19, Frank Barnett, a 28-year-old physician, and his wife, Hannah, had three children. Their servant.

Matilda Baulf, was 16.
Today, No 31, the renumbered house nearest the church, is occupied by Stock-er & Roberts, chartered surveyors. The two senior partners, equivalent to head of household, are John Gurney and Paul Davis, fiftysome thing and fortysomething, re-spectively. Where born? No idea, says Ethel Cornell, an accountant. Are Gurney and Davis lunaties? "We might think so, but I don't think they would."

At Nos 25 and 27 are Wagstaff, Rowland and Huntley, accountants. Reginald Rowland is the senior partner, married, and 60. Is he an imbecile? "I don't think so," says a receptionist.

At No 23, Diane Patterson. velcomes you to the Beaver Housing Society, which finds homes for the homeless. The director, Barry Spraules, is 40 and married. Any idiots? "Most definitely all of us." Nos 21 and 19 house the

only private dwellers left. They were out, perhaps working in what was someone's

Guide in Yiddish highlights influx of immigrants

INSTRUCTIONS for filling in the census return were printed in Yiddish for the first time to take account of the influx of immigrants es-caping persecution in Poland

The absence of passports and immigration controls allowed a great movement of people through England. many of whom were bound for the ships leaving Liver-pool for the United States. Out of the population of 29,002,525, 198,113 were foreigness Half of them lived foreigners. Half of them lived in London, with a further 15.000 or so in Surrey, Kent. Middlesex and Essex, 25,109 in Lancashire and 15,755 in Yorkshire. The mining areas of the North-East had a further 14,908, most of whom worked as merchants and transporters. In London, 23 people out of every 1,000 were classed as foreign, and their principal professions were sailors or merchants, with a high proportion of Russians and Poles among the 14,735 for-eign tailors and 2,596 foreign cabinetmakers.
The census records

168,814 as Europeans, but the figure was probably much higher, with people having adopted English names and giving fictitious birth places for fear of being traced. Edward Higgs, a cen-sus historian, said that it was common for foreign governments to request information from the Foreign Office about immigrants and, although they were routinely refused, it did not ease the fears of those who wished to remain anonymous.

New questions added for the first time covered employment status, overcrowding and, in Wales, a question about Welsh speaking. How-ever, a large number of people opted to tick each box in the employed, employer or other section, and there were vast numbers of children under one who spoke only

Evidence of a mobile population is provided by figures showing a huge growth in suburban areas, with Wilesden northwest London, increasing 122 per cent in ten

The census shows that London was a staging post for thousands of

European refugees fleeing to America. Lin Jenkins writes

years. Essex by 51 per cent and Birmingham by 18.9 per cent, compared with the national population increase of 11.7 per cent. Mr Higgs per cent. Mr Higgs said: "The movement of people in the decade before the census is one of its most remarkable features. It was all done without state pres-sure or help, but we also see a steady growth of suburbs, work on public transport with a fare system tailored to class. The working man travelled early when fares were cheaper, the clerks a little later when it was more expensive and then the heads of firms who could sweep in later having paid the higher price.

The proportion of blind people fell from one in 979 in 1851 to one in 1.236 and the deaf to one in 1,008 males. The proportion listed as lu-natics, imbeciles or idiots was one in 298.

However, the information on the register is so limited that it is of use only to social historians studying a limited geographical area, or those seeking their family history. Yesterday, Mavis Hillier,

of Sidcup, southwest London, was one of the first in the queue, wanting to see the census return of her grandfather John Mills, a coachman. There is a person my mother used to speak of, who I think was illegitimate, but I am most disappointed to find she is not listed here." she said. "I will keep looking until I find a record of her.

Joyce Martin, of Wembley, northwest London, said: The whole thing is fascinat-ing and I have found one or two skeletons. I had thought people behaved better in those days, but in fact they were often worse, perhaps because they didn't have



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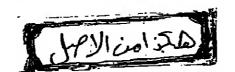


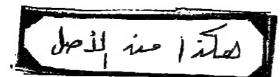
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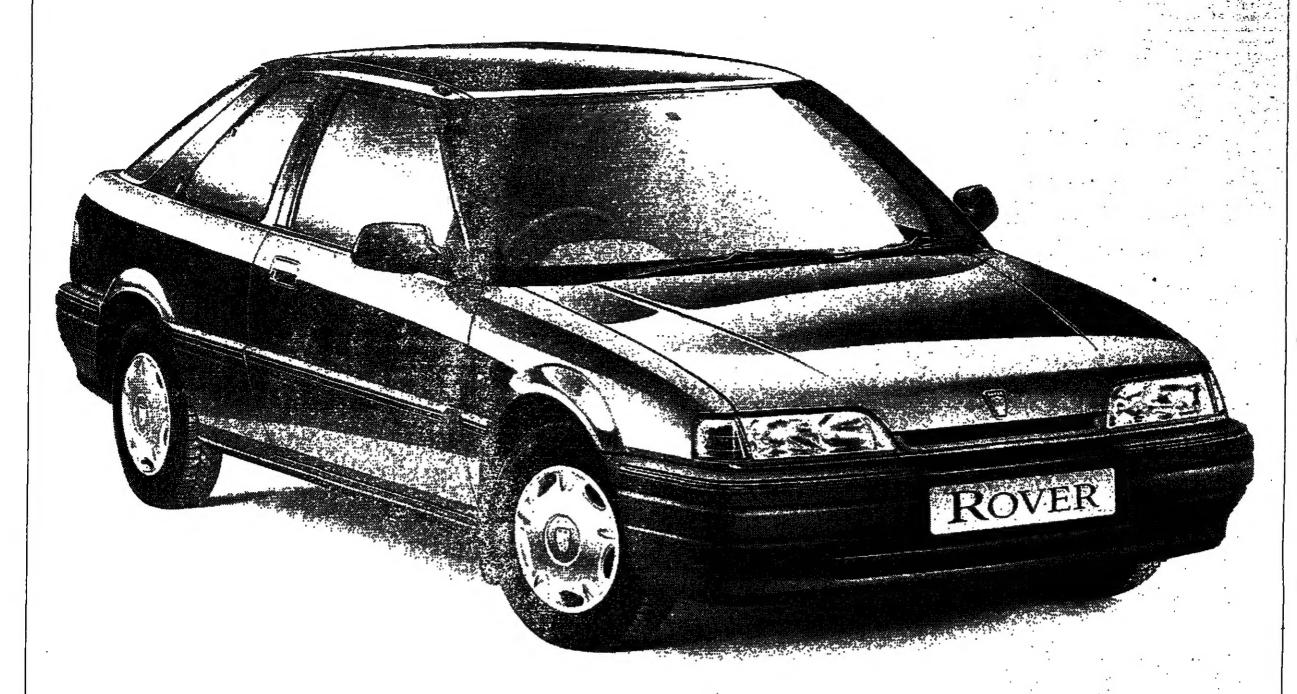
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Frozen assets: world figure skating champions Torvill and Dean, left, performing a routine at the rink; the front entrance, centre, and one of its younger visitors, and Robin Cousins, right

Cold wind of change condemns rink to a watery grave

MORE than 7,000 cubic feet of . some of the most famous ice in the world will seep silently down the drains tomorrow when Richmond ice rink undergoes a final

Yet not many years ago even the clumsiest novice hardly had room to fall over on the crowded ice. In the days of John Curry, the 1976 Olympic figure skaring champion who was based at Richmond, and of Robin Cousins, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, coach parties of skaters streamed into Richmond and the rink, limited to 2,400 at a time, frequently closed its doors on hundreds

queueing to get in. There are now 15 rinks in what was Richmond's catcliment area. but the absence of successors to Torvill and Dean has taken the excitement out of skating:

There were 300,000 admis-

sions at Richmond in 1990, but for the past few years the attendance has been declining at almost 20 per cent a year.

The fink was built as a muni-

tions factory in 1916. Building materials were brought in by Thames barge, and warneads left the same way. The building was converted into an ice rink in 1928 and was used to introduce ice hockey to Britain.

Richmond was home to the Royal Skating Club, the oldest in the world, which is transferring to Broadgate in the City, and the Aldwych Speed Club, the oldest short track speed skating club in Europe, which is speeding off to

Basingstoke, Hampshire.

It was the nursery of world champions, both British and foreign, especially under the unclase of Arnold Gerschwiler, who projected John Curry to his Olympic

Richmond ice rink, a skating mecca for world champions, film stars, and royalty will tomorrow close its doors forever, Robin Young writes

gold medal and onto the international stage before leaving forthe United States.

Betty Callaway, who coached Torvill and Dean, taught the Princess Royal at Richmond for three seasons and tutored the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York there for shorter periods.

The Richmond Flyers, the rink's ice hockey team, was grounded by a lack of funds in 1989 and just before Christmas the rink, at which five members of Great Britain's 1936 Olympic gold medal winning team had been based, held its final match -an under-12 game between the Richmond Rascals and the Streatham Mini-Braves

Tomorrow's final public session will end at 10.15pm. Then the antiquated refrigeration system will be switched off and, in due course, Richmond ice rink will be replaced on its highly desirable seven-acre site by 250 luxury flats.

That cuts no ice with the agieved skaters who raised a 48,000 signature petition in support of a campaign to save the

Bought by the developers London and Edinburgh Trust in 1987, the rink was originally to have been replaced with a new one inside a £22.5 million leisure complex on the site of a deteriorating public baths at the edge of the Old Deer Park. That scheme was

blocked by the Royal Mid-Surrev Golf Club's veto on the change of use needed for an access road. Deprived of its new rink, Richmond borough council took £2.5 million compensation from the developers instead.

Hopes of an eventual replace ment now centre on a depot behind The Stoop, the ground of Harlequins rugby union club. where the council would contribute the land and the developers may couple a rink with a nightdub and a fast-food drive-in.

· Followers of ice skating throughout the world have recognised that there is no place quite like Richmond. For all its prosaic beginnings, its idylic setting be-side the Thames gave it a special attraction (John Hennessy

The river, with its ease of transport, was its making in 1916. By a cruel twist of fate the river may be seen as its destroyer in 1992. Riparian property ownership does not respect tradition, certainly not sporting tradition.

Few ice rinks in the world have been able to match Richmond's glittering cast of performers. Over the past 30 years one would be hard pressed to find a top international skater who had not trained there, competed there or displayed his or her expense in exhibitions. For many of them Richmond was British skaring.

The outstanding moment was the exposure for the first time. in 1982, to the Mack and Mabel routine, of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. They had won the world title the year before with the then conventional method of cobbling together four separate pieces of music for their free

Their zest for innovation and experiment by using the overture, with one small excision, from a failed Broadway show is still regarded it as their finest hour, even surpassing the haunting Bolero which brought them the Olympic title in 1984.

In a less successful venture, the Arosa rink was once sealed off at one end and used as a swimming pool, with seawater brought from Bognor Regis. There ware serious leaks due to poor sealing and the project abandoned.

Richmond was also a popular port of call for film producers seeking an ice-skating background. The dramatis personae included James Mason, Valerie Hobson and Claire Bloom, Max Wall and Frankie Vauchan went there on a number of occasions to prepare for their appearances in

Bishop calls for 'miracle' restraint

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

Ri Rev David Jenkins, has called for an end to triumphalism about miracles in Christianity.

Dr Jenkins, who has recently steered clear of controversy after a period when his views

virgin birth aroused anger, could come in for renewed criticism for his latest pronouncement, in the journal

Health and Healing.

The bishop, who will preach to the royal family at

THE Bishop of Durham the on the resurrection and the Sandringham tomorrow, a special point of signs and says in his article that Christians should not "boast about, worry about or seek after miracles. It is not the miracles but the messages and responses which count."

Dr Jenkins says that many For the first time

and such an event is inexplic-Christians believe that miracles, including the miracle of the resurrection, prove the truth of the Christian faith and establish its authority. "Hence, I think, the regular he says. "We need to be modappearance within Christian-ity of movements which make est about miracles."

able . . . and, in any case, why is God the explanation of the inexplicable?" It cannot be in the spirit of Jesus to accumulate "miraries" as triumphant signs,

He continues: "This really

will not do. From a critical

and reflective point of view.

you simply cannot say with

certainty and sense that such

wonders'.

Red Beret

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

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Lunchtime

drinkers

A TWO-TIER breath test in which the legal limit for driving will be set at a lower level in the afternoons than in the evenings is being proposed by a British scientist.

Jim Horne, director of the sleep research unit at Loughborough University of Technology, says that studies have found that sleepiness sufficient to cause an accident is more common after lunchtime drinking than after early evening drinking. This is because the brain triggers sleep twice a day - once in

of alcohol consumed in the

evening, when the brain is

more alert, has the same ef-

fect on the blood alcohol level

but can go almost unnoticed.

Tougher breath tests would

be most effective between 2

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The pilot research, carried out in August and published

in yesterday's New Scientist magazine, found that a large

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parachutes lost in fire

The Parachute Regiment is expected to have to cancel training jumps after its stock of parachutes was destroyed in a fire at a packing hangar at RAF Hullavington, Wilt-

All of the Red Berets' parachutes were stored at the hangar. The RAF also stored parachutes there, but carries spare stocks at all of its bases. More than 200 firemen were called to the fire.

Man ablaze

A man found ablaze in a street in Finsbury Park, north London, has died in hospital after suffering 100 per cent burns. Police said that a can of petrol was found near by and a man was seen running from the scene. The victim had not been named last night.

JP sex charge Raymond Wardleworth, a

magistrate aged 51, of Wivenhoe, Essex, was remanded on bail by Witham magistrates on charges of indecently assaulting a boy aged 15 and inciting five boys to commit indecent acts.

Hair attack

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Britons are baffled by their own finances

AS BRITONS struggle to pay off the mortgages, loans and hire purchase deals they took out in the confident 1980s, it would appear that most of them have no idea how interest rates are calculated. As far as the majority are con-cerned, RPI might as well stand for Rather Puzzling Inirials, and APR leaves most

people equally perplexed. In spite of still being seen by the French as a nation of shopkeepers, unnaturally interested in things mercantile, Britain would now seem to be a country full of people bemused by the simplest of commercial transactions.

Judging by the results of a Gallup survey published yesterday, politicians should be wary during the general election campaign of taking on trust the electorate's know-ledge of financial matters.

Gallup asked more than 1,000 people in full-time employment what RPI stood for. Sixty-two per cent admitted right away that they had no idea. After being told that it was the Retail Price Index. 52 per cent still said they did not know what that meant. Asked what it measured, 5 per cent thought that it was the prices recommended by the government. Of the people aged lo to 24 surveyed, \$4 per cent did not know the meaning of RPI, and only 2 per cent were any the wiser when the abbreviation was decoded.

APR fared slightly better in the survey, carried out for Pearl Assurance. Forty-eight per cent knew that it stood for the annual percentage rate. and 42 per cent had no idea. Nearly half of those quesrioned did not understand the difference between the APR on their loan and the quoted

They failed to appreciate that the APR was a combination of the interest, the interest accruing and other costs involved in taking out the loan. The 16 to 24-year-old group also did badly on APR. with 65 per cent completely puzzled. General financial questions, such as how mortgages, pension schemes and

Modern Britons appear to have the commercial acumen of Mr Micawber, reports Jamie Dettmer

income tax work, also produced alarming results. Only 25 per cent of all respondents said that they completely understood Britain's tax system. Fourteen per cent said they found it incomprehensible. Half of the home owners questioned did not understand the workings of a mortgage and 42 per cent did not know how much interest they were paying at present. Nearly half of those holding car, house or life insurance policies admitted that they

they worked. Only 44 per cent of respondents thought that they were managing their finances correctly. A mere 36 per cent were confident that they understood their pension scheme and 23 per cent found their scheme incomprehensible or had no idea how it worked.

did not fully understand how

Anxiety about the property market came through very clearly in the poll, indicating that in spite of the increase in home ownership under the Conservatives a large number of people now saw property as a poor investment. Only 38 per cent of respondents said that they would still invest in property. The majority. 45 per cent, felt that long-term building society accounts were a safer bet.

Most, 64 per cent, blamed themselves for their ignorance, 20 per cent said that it was the fault of government, 7 per cent blamed the media and 31 per cent blamed either banks or insurance com-

The Managing Finances survey was conducted by Gallup for Pearl Assurance between October 23 and November 5. A representative sample of 1,124 people, all in full-time employment, was used in the poll.



Reformer within: Barbara Beck-Coulter, the first woman to be appointed chairman of a gentlemen's club, the Reform Club

Woman takes the helm at top 'gentlemen's club'

"IF YOU want to promote women's causes," Barbara Beck-Coulter said as she began her duties yesterday as the first woman chairman of what Pall Mall people still call gendemen's clubs, "the thing is not to rail in a feminist fashion. I'm not a great feminist. Far better than baying at the doors of the Athenaeum, asking to be let in, is joining the Reform Club and working from within."

Mrs Beck-Coulter, editor of International Management magazine, is the new chairman of the Reform, the only top gentlemen's club that does not bar applicants with fallopian tubes from joining on equal terms with the men.

Other dubs allow ladies in through the back doors, into certain dining rooms, at certain hours. But in the Reform, "there's nowhere that

RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS.

women can't go," she says, "except the gentlemen's lavatory." A more forceful woman might have trumpeted the election as some kind of victory for womanhood. Mrs Beck-Coulter heightens its impact by making it seem quite run-of-the-mill.

The Reform embraced

women a decade ago. Its members - who, application rules insist, must have "character, talent and achieve-- are more varied than those in many of its neighbours. "You don't have to have money and you don't have to have class. We have politicians, businessmen, academics, journalists, lawyers, accountants. Politically, it's quite catholic. It doesn't attract the old landed gentry type. We welcome foreigners and we have always been

open to Jewish members.

which is not always the case with some other London

The Reform's 2,300 mem bers include about 250 women. The MP Emma Nicholson and the businesswoman Jennifer d'Abo are among them. One in every four or five new applicants is a woman. The idea would be painful to Bertie Wooster, whose London club, Drones, in Dover Street, was a haven from women and aunts, a place where he and Biscuit Biskerton, Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright and Pongo Twistleton-Twistleton could spend evenings making for the bar like bison for a water hole. But more women are being drawn to a London club's discreet charms.

"I joined," Mrs Beck-Coulter says, because I thought it was a useful place to have, a convenient place to meet people. It's congenial, not crowded like a pub. And the building is beautiful. Grade 1

"A lot of men say they want to join this club because they think a single-sex institution is rather odd."

Pets caught in trap of recession

THE recession in America is taking its toll on all members of the family, including pets. Animal shelters report increases in the numbers of animals being "surren-dered", from cats and dogs to

Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs.
"Pets are indicative of any changes in society," Katy Dwyer, shelter manager at Boston's Animal Rescue League, said. Between 10,000 and 11,000 cats were surrendered to the league in 1991 and about 2,500 dogs. About 85 per cent of the animals were destroyed.

"This past year a lot of people started to give up older pets, pets they shared their lives with for 10 or 15 years." Ms Dwyer said. "We found more people being evicted and not able to keep pets single mothers, people whose economic situations changed so drastically that they had to give up pers they wouldn't

Donna Bishop, director of the companion animals programme for the Alliance for Animals of Boston, said that she has encountered people taking extraordinary measures to keep their animals. There are a lot of elderly

or heat to provide for the animals," she said. "It's not just weird people; it's pretty widespread, especially in the

inner city."
The Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago, which runs an animal clinic for pet owners who are poor, had 2,000 clients two years ago, but has now reached its capacity at 3.000. Jane Stern, director of administration, said that people would queue for two hours for the society's monthly offer of free pet food.

Staff members of the Phoenix Horse Rescue in Broomfield, Colorado, are finding rabbits, dogs and cats at the end of the driveway. "People just open up the car door and dump them out," Kathleen Sinke, the centre's vice-presi-

Among the chickens, geese and pot-bellied pigs at an animal care farm in Methuen, Massachussetts, is Oscar, a 2,300lb steer, who wa once used on an anti-veal poster. Roger Lauze, the farm's manager, said that Oscar was only available as a pet. "We don't want him in anybody's freezer," he said. "We couldn't bear to see it."

Police saved by armoured vests

Washington: Better train-ing and wider deployment to a significant drop in the number of American law officers killed last year. according to a police

group.

Figures from the Law Enforcement Officers Me-morial Fund show that 130 officers were killed on duty last year, compared with 150 in 1990. One third were shot. Craig Floyd, chairman of the fund, pointed out that the annual total had fluctuated throughout the Eight-ies from a high of 165 in 1980 to a low of 133 in 1986, giving an average of 153 over the decade.

Mr Floyd said that the decrease in police deaths could be linked to the increase in murders in cities across the country. Officers had benefited from better equipment especially new, lightweight vests, now worn by 70 per cent of "front-line" policemen and women and better training, lead-

Japan feared

Paris: The great majority of French people have a favourable view of the Japanese, viewing them as hardworking and competent, but 41 per cent agree with Edith Cresson, the prime minister, that an invasion" of Japanese products is to be feared. according to an opinion poll. (AFP)

Air mailed

Newark: Kieron Wiffin. aged nine, who launched a balloon with his name and address on it two months ago, has become pen-pals with Alan Klitgaad, a radio producer in Copenhagen, 600 miles from Nottinghamshire, who found his message stuck in a tree by the roadside.

Tough bird

mot that was tagged and returned to the wild after treatment for oil contamination at an RSPCA hos-HEIL Somerset, in 1985, has been found dead on a what is thought to be a longevity record for oiled seabirds.

Quarter cut

Montevideo: Twenty five per cent of Uruguayan workers - 300,000 people — are alcoholics, leading to a high rate of absenteeism, accidents at work and a drop in production, the labour ministry says. Drink-drivers are involved in 70 per cent of traffic fatalities in the capital. (AFP)

Mock exports

Bath: Beazer Homes has won a contract to export estates of mock Tudor and Elizabethan bomes at £170,000 each to Japan. complete with cul-de-sacs, landscaping and modifications to meet earthquake codes.

Light savings

Blackpool: The worldfamous illuminations may be switched off a week early next year as part of an economy drive by the local authority, which needs to save £1.5 million to avoid poll-tax capping.

Animals to get Bardot's home

Brigitte Bardot wants to leave La Madrague, the £2 million property in St-Tropez which she shares with a goat. a donkey, a dozen dogs and a score of cats, and has willed it to her Bardot Foundation for the protection of animals. Yesterday she had planned to visit Paris to meet Philippe Marchand, the interior minister, to persuade him to classify the foundation as a public utility, so that dona-tions and legacies could be made more easily. But Mme Bardot got no further than her local airport, where there was such a crush of journalists that she turned back to her home.

Bruce Springsteen the American rock star has a new daughter, according to his former guitarist Steve Van Zandt, who announced the birth on a live television show. Springsteen and Patti Scialfa, a former member of

his band, already have a son, aged 17 months.

President George Bush was not searched for chewing gum — a banned substance when he arrived in Singapore for a three-day visit vesterday. a customs official said. Singapore banned the import and



Bardot: committed to protection of animals

sale of chewing gum this week, citing "the perennial nuisance" of litter. The ban took effect yesterday. Walter Hudson, listed in the Guinness Book of World

Records as the world's heaviest man, was buried on Thursday in a specially designed iron-enforced casket. Mr Hudson, aged 46, who weighed 78 2 stone, gained fame in 1987 when the fire department had to be called because he got stuck in a door of his house near New York.

staged a diversion for photog-raphers outside the office afterwards while the bride and groom left by a side

Jim Kerr, singer with the rock band Simple Minds. married actress Patsy Kensit yesterday at Chelsea register office. Family and friends

Scientists start talking moonshine

BY NICK NUTTALL AND JOE JOSEPH

THE titles of the Earth and the Moon are simply not glamorous enough, ac-cording to some of the world's leading scientists. They want to swap the humdrum names for something punchier. grander, and more in tune with their role in our solar system.

Of course, this will mean reprinting dictionaries and rewriting poems and big chunks of Shakespeare, and will play havoc with Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. No more spooning in June by the light of the silvery moon, no more shining on harvest moon, and what will become you in future will not be moon-light. The meek shall have no chance of inheriting the earth.

The rechristening plan is backed by Science. America's most pukka scientific journal, which is urging its readers to send in suitable new titles by February 1.

So what bothers the scientists so? Apparently, many are miffed that while other planets have sparky names drawn from Roman mythology, the nome of the universe's only known

intelligent (well, brightish) life plods along with the name Earth. They moan that even the moons of other planets have such names as Atlas. Titan. Callisto. Ophelia and Charon. (Of course, the first thing that you and I notice is that none of these rhymes with June, and that if someone told you that Callistolight went with your hair, you would probably think he was trying to sell you a non-allergenic face cleanser. Scientists don't think

this way.)
The Old Farmer's Almanac, widely read among farmers, is also anxious about our dull names for the Earth and the Moon. It plans to submit more impressive ones to the International Astronomical Union, which names newly discovered heavenly bodies.

So far. front-runners include Terra for the Earth, and Luna for the Moon. Other suggestions are Tellus and Gaia. the Roman and Greek goddesses of the earth. Scientists are trained to seek the obvious solution first.

Heinz Wolff, head of bioengineering

at Brunel University, thinks that the Earth's name should reflect its pos-ition as the only known home of thinking life. He says that Ingenium, from the Latin for intelligent, or Sapienta. the Latin for intelligent, or Sapienta, meaning wisdom, might be suitable. (Practise it: "I'll follow you to the ends of the Sapienta, darling", or, on the building site, "We'll be needing another couple of lorry loads of Ingenium.") There is also Vita, Latin for life, but this sounds more like a new polyunsaturated margarine.

Ian Fells, professor of energy conver-sion at Newcastle University, favours "a name that embodies the fact that three quarters of the planet is water". Aqua is possible, but a bit odd. The Moon, he says, "is a very dirty place", adding: "The Moon is for lovers, so we could possibly call it Cupid." So much

The best bet is probably leaving it to advertising men, experienced in devising new names. We could trade in the Moon for something like I Can't Believe It's Not Cheese.



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President Bush faced with protests and security concerns during Asia-Pacific tour

Military bases top Singapore agenda

PRESIDENT Bush arrived in Singapore yesterday for the first visit by a United States president, with an enhanced security role for the island republic possibly on the agenda.

With the winding down of American military facilities in the Philippines, Sin-gapore looks likely to be a base for US logistical staff in the Pacific. In his talks with Goh Chok Tong, the prime minister, and with Lee Kuan Yew, the former prime minister, today, Mr Bush is expected to discuss Singapore's wish for a continued US military presence in the region. This includes a memorandum of understanding, signed more than two years ago, to allow the US navy and air force "greater access to Singapore's military facilities".

Richard Solomon, the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, has been quoted as saying the memorandum of understanding is "a

Singapore greets George Bush with demands for a bigger US presence,

Mary Lee reports

good example of the kind of new arrangements our military would like to develop in Southeast Asia. We will be pursuing these kinds of arangements with a number of other countries our military is prepared to distribute its presence in the region. The American navy's also looking for ship repair facilities in Brunei and Malaysia.

He is also likely to discuss the new balance of relations between communist and non-communist countries and the Cambodian peace agreement signed last year. He may annotince the end of remaining trade sanctions against Phnom Penh. After a state welcome for Mr Bush by President Kim

Wee, Singaporeans who agree with their foreign ministry's view of the visit as "an honour" for the country will be watching their television sets this afternoon for the live transmission of Mr Bush's "Singapore Lecture". The lecture, to which diplomats and businessmen have been invited, will be chaired by Mr Lee, whose views on the region, especially China, Mr Bush is

said to value highly.

Mr. Bush is expected to address the Issue of world trade, the importance of the Southeast Asian markets to American exports, as well as a continued American presence in the region.

Robert Mosbacher, the commerce secretary, leads the commercial delegation accompanying Mr Bush. Mr Mosbacher will meet a Singapore team led by Brigadier-General Lee Hsien Loong, deputy prime minister and trade and industry minister.



Funeral march: Four protesters in Melbourne carry a coffin holding a symbolic "victim" of Asian regimes to which the United States grants military credits. President Bush left the city yesterday after confronting the most violent street demonstrations seen in Australia for two decades (Robert Cockburn writes from Sydney). Police, who had underestimated the crowd numbers,

fought pitched battles with anti-Bush protesters and, according to bystanders, over-reacted in their use of batons and horses to regain control. After the security cordon was breached, the president's motorcade was forced to use an emergency route to reach the city centre for his final public engagement. Inside the World Congress Centre, which about 500 protesters

were trying to reach, Mr Bush offered his own folksy optimism: "The only button that I have my finger on these days is the one where I try to set the clock on my VCR," he said, referring to his home video cassette recorder. The police were further embarrassed when two demonstrators managed to get into the centre, by using an unguarded service lift, where Mr Bush was addressing a

farewell engagement hosted by Joan Kirner, the state premier of Victoria. In Canberra on Thursday. Mr Bush had a run-in with angry Australian farmers protesting at American farm subsidies which they say have stolen their traditional markets. The farmers' action has drawn the American media's attention to the president's trip, which has had little coverage at home.

China stays quiet on poison leaks

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PEKING

CHEMICAL weapons buried by Japan during its occupation of China more than 40 years ago have leaked and poisoned hundreds of people, officials and experts said.

The two countries have agreed to suppress information on the poisonings, diplomats said, in an apparent effort to prevent upsetting relations ahead of the 20th anniversary of their establishment in September. Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, arrived in Peking yesterday for a four-day



Vatanabe: nirtnering diplomatic relations

visit to further relations between the two nations.

Several areas in nombern China, including a city of one million people, have been contaminated, according to Wu Jiandong, a researcher on Sino-Japanese relations. He said that corrosion had eaten away chemical weapons stockpiles, including deadly mustard gas shells, buried by the Japanese Imperial Army as it fied at the end of second world war. This has directly resulted in the contamination of land, water and the comprehensive pollution of the environment," Mr Wu said. "The number of people poisoned is in the

Japanese press reports said that 500 people in Dumhua, in Jilin province, were injured or killed by poisonous gases leaking from the shells. The Chinese government told Japan that 200,000 shells still remained on Chinese territory, the reports said.

Peking first demanded in August 1990 that Japan dispose of the chemical weapons, most of which are in Jilin, Heilongiang and Lisoning, the three northeastern provinces that formed Manchuria. A Japanese team that included chemical weapons experts came to China in June to inspect Shijiazhuang, the capital of Hebei province. and Dunhua, a Chinese environmental official said. Japan, which has never acknowledged using chemical weapons in China, was drawing up a plan for their disposal. A disposal site has not been found yet.
The chemical weapons are

The chemical weapons are an embarrassment for Peking and Tokyo, with Emperor Akihito scheduled to visit here later this year. Emperor Akihito would be the first Japanese emperor to visit China, where memories of second world war atrocties carried out in the name of his father remain strong. "We have agreed, the Chinese and the Japanese, that we are not going to make any comment at this time." a Japanese dip-

iomat said here last week.

"The Japanese seem to fear that the chemical weapons will be the fuse that ignites the issue of reparations," Mr Wu said, estimating Chinese losses in looted goods and private property damage at £320 billion. Internal pressure for China to seek reparations from Japan has grown with similar pacts being negotiated by Russia and North

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Conflict in Chad

France sends in troops and jets

By PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS FRANCE flew in jet fighter-bombers and troops yester-day to Chad, Nadjita Bea-ssoumal, the Chadian defence minister, said that at least 150 government soldiers were wounded and an unknown number killed in a fierce battle for control of towns in the west of the country overrun by rebel troops loyal to Hissène Habre, the deposed president

The minister said that the Chadian army was in the process of retaking the garri-son at Bol. 90 miles northwest of the capital, Ndjamena, after four days of fighting. He did not say if the

COMPLAINTS about ballot-

rigging in the first round of

the Algerian elections, held

on Boxing day, have been

lodged with the electoral su-

pervisory body in about a

third of the constituencies, a

Constitutional Council

A spokesman for the coun-

cil said 341 complaints had

been lodged, covering 145 of

the national assembly's 430

seats. The council is to make a

ruling by the end of next week

on alleged vote-rigging and

in which constituencies vot-

ing should take place again.

It also has the right to invali-

A ruling upholding the

complaints would be a blow

for the Islamic Salvation

Front, which scored an over-

whelming first-round victory.

capturing 188 seats. The Front of Socialist Forces,

strong in the Kabylie region.

gained 25 seats and the rul-

ing National Liberation

Front was routed, gaining only 15 seats. The Islamic

front could win an overall

majority in the second round.

scheduled for January 16,

which would herald an Islam-

Algerian sources said it was

ic state in Algeria.

date the entire first round.

spokesman said yesterday.

government controlled the rest of Bol, a town on the shores of Lake Chad which Habré lovalists captured. The fighting around Bol was a factor in the French

government decision to send in troops to boost the French garrison already stationed the West African state, once a French colony.

There have been reports of theft and looting by armed gangs in the capital, where President Deby has ordered strict security measures. The official reason for sending in an estimated extra 450 troops, plus Jaguar fighter planes, in addition to the

possible that the National

Liberation Front, which has

ruled Algeria for 30 years,

had challenged results in all

round victory has sparked

widespread protest from oth-

er opposition parties who

have called for the second

round of voting to be can-

celled. On Thursday an esti-

mated 300,000 people demonstrated in Algiers

against the Islamic front. The

government has rejected calls

for cancellation of the next

round of voting. The majority

of official complaints were

lodged by the National Liber-

The fundamentalists' first-

Algeria vets poll

rigging claims

FROM AGENCIES IN ALGIERS

430 seats.

1,200 there, is the need to protect French citizens, but from military involvement in Chad since independence in

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In Paris, the organisation claiming to represent Mr Habré's movement to recapture the country from which he was exiled a year ago, criticised France's decision to intervene in "an exclusively internal conflict". The "discredited Deby regime" did not merit "a single drop of French blood", an official

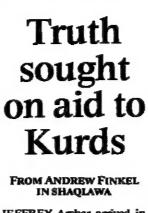
said yesterday. France doubts the ability of President Deby's regime to regain the initiative. France has plenty of experience in military intervention, having for many years defended the then President Habre from rebel forces which were led by the president that he overthrew, Goukouni Weddeye. Weddeye staged a long-standing war against Mr Habre with the help of Libyan forces.

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They were finally defeated by Mr Habre's forces, with French backing, thanks to the strategy of Idriss Deby, then in charge of the desert campaign. Later Mr Habre's relationship. tions with France became increasingly tempestuous and the eventual coup against him was welcomed in Paris.

The French government has emphasised that it is committed to supporting the 'democratic process" initiated by President Deby. In Pars, it is believed that Mr Habre's offensive is less a popularly supported uprising than a calculated attempt to disrupt the process of democratisation in which a national constitutional conference and free elections were expected

ation Front, the council spokesman said. The Islamic front has filed 17 complaints. France still prefers to talk in Fundamentalist leaders erms of "armed and unconsaid vesterday that democratrolled gangs" threatening the security of the civilian population: on the face of it. cy was atheism and Islam offered the only true freedom. Abdelkader Moghni, the newly elected member of parhowever, that would be scant justification for sending in liament for Bab el-Oued, a the Jaguar fighters. France fundamentalist stronghold in has been increasingly reluc-Algiers, said at prayers yester-day: "On December 26 the tant to intervene in its troublesome former African Algerian people said its last colonies in order to support word. It was the victory of often unpopular regimes. Its Islam and the defeat of delast intervention was in Zaire, mocracy, which is pure athebut only to evacuate French



JEFFREY Archer arrived in Zakho, northern Iraq, yester-day evening, after travelling through southeast Turkey in his capacity as charity fund-raiser, on a week-long visit to the Kurdish areas of Iraq to find out how the £57 million he helped raise through the Simple Truth appeal has

He will discover a Kurdish leadership grateful for his intentions but also critical of the

aid operation. Kurdish discontent is focused in particular on the United Nations, which acts as the umbrella organisation for relief efforts but which is also the only visible outside presence in the Kurdish areas of Iraq. In Kurdish eyes, the UN is an expensive, top-heavy bureaucracy that compounds those sins by exchanging aid dollars at an official price some 30 times the rate in the The UN, in its turn, argues

that it is being asked to account not just for the Simple political uncertainty which continues to afflict those it is trying to help. An official of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said the West had diligently pursued the progress of President Saddam Hussein in destroying chemical weapons but had turned a blind eye to the embargo on fuel and food which Baghdad has imposed on the north. Even in recent months, fighting initiated by Baghdad has created new

waves of refugees.
The immediate task centres on providing sufficient shelter and food for the population for the winter. In Penjwin, in the highlands on the Iranian border, some 10,000 people, inadequately clothed and liv-ing in tents pitched on melting slush, were still waiting to be moved to dry ground. The winds knocked over their tents and upended the industrial canopy used for UN stores, sending metal bolts flying. Many of those at risk have been waiting nine months to return to their homes in the disputed city of Kirkuk.



Making a case: Hanan Ashrawi explains the delay in attending the talks

Extremists succeed in ambushing talks

Rejectionist factions may be winning in their violent efforts to prevent any compromise over the disputed territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Richard Beeston writes from Jerusalem

THE threatened collapse of the Middle East peace initiative yesterday marked the first victory for Israeli and Palescampaigned violently for two months to stop direct

Ever since Arab and Israeli delegates sat down at the same table in Madrid to begin the first face-to-face negotiations in their 44-year conflict, rejectionist groups in both communities have been active behind the scenes to prevent any compromise over the disputed territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The first violent action was taken by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Damascus-based Palestinian group credited with the machinegun ambush of a bus carrying Jewish settlers in the West Bank on October 28, which left two people dead, and a similar attack on a car near Ramallah which killed another Jewish settler on December 1.

The other main rejectionist Palestinian faction, the fundamentalist Muslim movement Hamas, has also mobil-ised its supporters, who on Monday sabotaged a planned talk by Faisal Husseini, the leader of the Palestinian delegation, who was forced to town of Tulkarm under a hail of bottles and stones. Although at first right-wing

Israeli leaders and their supporters in the settler lobby were slower to react, over the past few weeks they have stepped up their vigilante operations in the occupied territories with the aim of provoking Palestinian residents and challenging the authority of As the Israeli columnist

Zeev Schiff commented in this week's Jerusalem Report magazine: "The Jewish extremists are not alone in their objective of derailing the negotiations. As long as the talks go forward, their efforts will be matched by extremists on the Arab side. And as Arab extremists try to create greater provocations, the extremists among the Jews will be only too delighted to co-operate by responding in kind." Their other key allies in this

effort are the extremist parties in the coalition government of Yitzhak Shamir, the prime

minister, who express only a small minority of Israeli public opinion but enjoy considerable sway in the Knesset of power. This week, in exchange for agreeing to vote with the ruling Likud party

on the budget and an upcoming constitutional reform bill, the ultra-nationalists were rewarded with promises of increased state spending worth millions of pounds this year on housing and infra-structure for Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Although the deportation order issued by Moshe Arens, the defence minister, against 12 suspected Palestinian ac-

tivists on Thursday night was primarily a reaction to the latest killing on Wednesday of another Jewish settler in the Gaza Strip, the move was also seen as an attempt to appease the right-wing lobby.

With such determined opposition confronting both Israeli and Palestinian leaderships, the chances of a breakthrough in the present atmosphere appear bleak.

Palestinians pull out, page 1

Cubans escape to US

Washington: Thirty-four Cubans applied for political asy-lum in Miami yesterday after escaping from Cuba on a Soviet-built commercial helicopter (Martin Fletcher

writes).
The helicopter was picked up on American radar soon after it left Cuba. flying barely 40ft above the sea. A customs jet and Blackhawk helicopter met it 20 miles off the Florida Keys and escorted it to a private airport just south of Miami where it landed.

Members of the Cuban-American National Foundation who went to the airport speculated that the passengers must have been important to have had access to the helicopter and fuel which is scarce but there was no con-

The helicopter was a civil-ian version of the Soviet Mi-8 military helicopter and be-longed to Cubana Airlines. The two pilots were in uni-form and the passengers included men, women and

children, some with baggage. Conditions have deteriorated sharply in Cuba as aid from the former Soviet bloc has dried up, prompting a new exodus of refugees. About 2,000 Cubans managed to reach Florida last year, arriving on inner tubes

Scientist killed in explosion

London: A scientist has been killed and three others injured in an explosion during a cold-fusion experiment at the laboratories of SRI Inter-national in Menlo Park, California (Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor, writes). No measurable amounts of radioactivity were released.

SRI is an important research company, employing 2,500 people in research. development and consulting. and has been involved in cold

Marcos money

Manila: The Philippines has recovered 150 million pesos (£3 million) from Imee Marcos Manotoc, daughter of former President Marcos, officials said, as 25 new charges were brought against his widow, Imelda. (AFP)

Put overboard

Ichannesburg: Two Mozambican stowaways on a ship were put in oil drums and dropped over the side into the sea. The men later washed up on South Africa's east coast, the South African Press Association said. (AP)

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Burma attacks

Bangirok: Burmese troops attacked two guerrilla strong-holds of the Karen ethnic minority, who are fighting for autonomy from Burma, along the Thai-Burmese border, Thai border police said. (AP)

Medical wait

La Jella, California: Mother Teresa's doctors say it could be a month before they know how serious her heart condition is. Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel peace estimians pull out, page 1 prize, is in serious condition Leading article, page 1! in hospital here. (AP)

Blacks split over rap tragedy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

WHEN the Rev Al Sharpton. New York's theatrical street activist, leads his angry marches, the outrage is normally aimed at the "white racist system" and the injustice his followers believe it inflicts on blacks. Today, in a change of character. Mr Sharpton plans to lead a protest in Harlem against blacks.

His action springs from the disaster last Saturday night in which nine people were crushed to death as a surging mob tried to force its way into a basketball game played by rap music celebrities. Over the past few days the horror of the Saturday-night stampede has fanned the flames of New York's racial bonfire.

After the disaster, New York switched instinctively into racial mode. Blacks saw the deaths as another tragedy inflicted by a soci-ety that is indifferent or worse to their suffering, an outlook that lies at the heart of the resentful, bitter message of rap music.

Meanwhile, the media trod delicately around the including the senior police officers. But the enquiry, led by Milton Mollen, a deputy to Mayor David Dinkins, has turned the affair into a painful lesson about exploitation within black culture.

According to Mr Mollen. the promoters of the basketball game — Puff Daddy, a concert producer, and Heavy D, a rap musician sold up to 5,000 tickets for the indoor arena at City College in Harlem which seats only 2,700. Security arrangements were hope

On top of that, nobody has yet been able to trace the \$60,000 (£32,000) that the game was supposed to have raised for the Aids Education Outreach Programme. City officials say that no such organisation exists. Prosecutors were reported yesterday to be preparing charges of fraud and manslaughter against the organisers.

The police are also coming under scrutiny for their reluctance to intervene after the mob of angry fans matter of blame since everyone involved was black. forced their way into a stairwell at the sports hall.

where the crushing and suf-focations took place. With the certainty of huge damcution in the air, every side has been blaming the other. The college, a largely non-white institution that s part of the City University, says that the student

government and promoters

Sharpton: turning his wrath on his people were responsible. On their

side, the promoters are blaming the police, al-though the police say that their slow response was prompted by a ban on their entering university grounds. The promoters'

case has now been adopted by William Kunstler, the celebrity lawyer who has made his name defending unpopular causes.

Mr Sharpton first entered the picture when he turned up to console the bereaved with Mike Tyson. the boxer, who had been in the arena and fled at the start of the stampede. The mother of one of the victims refused to accept a cheque from Mr Tyson in a televised appearance with Mr

At the same time, black commentators took the highly unusual step of attacking their own commu-nity. Earl Caldwell, a columnist for the Daily News, said that black lives had been lost because the race had "forgotten how to

Mr : Sharpton then changed posture and said:
"I am going to march
against black people for the first time. I am going to march on black-on-black vi-olence. Black kids did this to black kids." His action, the New York Post said vesterday, "is a march too long



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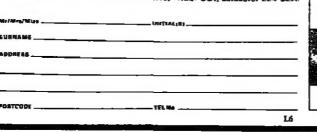


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Jets taunt Croats up to deadline

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE latest ceasefire in Yugoslavia got off to an unpromising start last night as federal army jets circled the Croatian capital of Zagreb minutes before the deadline for the cessation of hostilities

Commuters ran for cover as explosions were heard over the east of the city. Croatian ground forces fired back with anti-aircraft machineguns and the sky was lit up with flares. Despite exchange of fire, there were no hits.

Zagreb's crisis centre said that the jets appeared to be attempting reconnaissance of military targets and described the timing as a provo-cation. But as the clocks struck for 6pm, the jets left the city's airspace. The exercise appears to have been a last show of force by federal forces before the ceasefire.
The people of Zagreb had already experienced one air-

raid warning after a loud detonation earlier in the aftermoon as jets flying low across the city passed through the sound barrier. There were alerts in the nearby industrial cities of Sisak and Karlovac. The unexpected air force

activity has unsettled Crosts: Many had hoped that both the federal and their own side had finally found the will to implement a ceasefire. One shopper huddled under an awning said: "If this is sup-posed to be the herald of peace, I dread to think what the ceasefire will bring us." Before the ceasefire deadline. shellfire was traded between the eastern Croatian town of Osijek and Serbian-held territory and there were reports of clashes on the Adriatic coast at Sibinik and Zadar.

The fighting came as Cyrus Vance, the UN special envoy, left Beigrade, and Serbian nationalists argued with communists as discussions began in the federal parliament to create a "new Yugoslavia". Mr Vance has persuaded Ser-bian and Croatian leaders to accept a peace plan which, if a durable ceasefure comes into effect, could lead to the dispatch of a 10,000-strong UN slavia. An aide to Mr Vance el representatives.

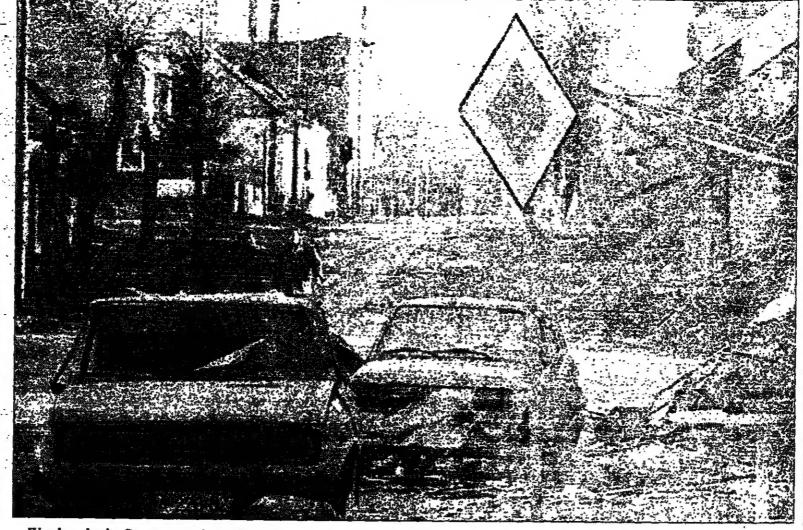
said a ceasefire would have to last "days and weeks, not months" before Mr Vance would feel he could recommend to the Security Council that a force should be sent.

It was unclear if the upsurge in violence was a final push by both sides to seize territory before the appointed hour for the ceasefire, or an attempt by extremists and nationalists to wreck the peace plan. On Thursday, Zelko Raznjatovic, known by his nom de guerre Arkan, a Scrbian militia commander with official protection, gave the plan a thumbs down. While not saying that he would vio-late it, he said it would only benefit the Croats and advised his men to: "clean your weapons and keep your ammunition in a dry place." They have been prominent in the siege of Osijek.

Mile Paspalj, the leader of the assembly of Krajina, the Serbian enclave in Croatia, said: "It is not true that Vance's peace plan is acceptable to everyone. We shall consider the disarming of Krajina and the arrival of peacekeeping forces as an act of violence."

At the convention in Bel-grade aimed at beginning the foundation of a "new Yugo-slavia", representatives of about 160 groups stood in the chamber of the federal parliament while a recording of the national anthem was played. They then began a rowdy debate on a document calling for securing and consolidating the continuity of Yugoslavis in her new borders" Nationalists clashed with communists, especially after a Bosnian communist representative said: Those who brought us to this situation cannot now form a new

The meeting was called by the Serbian dominated remnams of the federal presidency and backed by Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's leader Montenegro's ruling party was absent and the ruling party from the self-prociaimed Kraiina sent low-lev-



Wreck and ruin: Croats yesterday walking down a shelled street in Lipik, 75 miles east of Zagreb, after it was recaptured from Serbs

Man in the news

Spellbinder who alienated his allies

FROM BRUCE CLARK INTBILISI

THE background to Georgia's tragedy is its deadly Lebanese style combination of client-patron politics, private wealth and easy access to guns and machismo. But high among the influences at work must rank the wildly contrasting emotions evoked by the man it happened to choose as its first state president. One would search in vain

through the ruins of the Soviet empire for a man who inspires such extraordinary extremes of love and hatred as Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the dissident who has led his ancient nation to modern statehood.

The small, moustached leader with cropped, steelgrey hair and protruding eyes can have a spellbinding effect on many of his compatriates when he thunders forth his bombastic message that he is the only man who can save Georgia from its multiple enemies.

Making due allowance for intimidation and fraud, there can be little doubt that his victory in Soviet Georgia's first parliamentary elections 14 months ago, and his landslide elevation to the new post of executive president last May, reflect widespread pop-

With his record of jail terms and confinement to his magnificent house - in which his father lived and won distinction as one of the finest writers in a prodigiously talented nation - Mr Gamsakhurdia seemed on paper to be per-fectly qualified to become a philosopher king in the mould of Czechoslovakia's Vaciav Havel.

Yet just as surely as he compels those who watch him republic's televison over which he imposed asphyxiat-ing control. Mr Gamsakhurdia, aged 51, has consistently alienated those who observed



record of resistance

him at close quarters. If the ill assorted group of politicians, liberal intellectuals and warlords who are now pointing their guns at their democratically elected president have one thing in common it is that they were all close associates of Mr Gamsakhurdia at some time in the past, and at some time came to the conclusion that as a president he is, in fact, a dangerous authoritarian. There are, for instance, his

partners and rivals among the small band of pro-independence dissidents who were brave enough to face jail terms during the years of the communist regime. As a man who attracted international prominence - and controver-- as a human rights campaigner in the Seventies, Mr Samsakhurdia was intensely jealous of the younger nationalist campaigners, notably his arch-rival. Gia Chanturia. who rallied to the cause in the final years of Soviet power. The seeds of Georgia's

Tbilisi violence, page 1

arms stand-off was sown in

the aftermath of the April

1989 mass killing of 21 dem-

onstrators by Soviet troops,

an outrage that perversely en-

sured both a huge boost to the

cause of nationalism and at

the same time brought divi-

sions within the nationalists

Mr Gamsakhurdia com-

promised on his pledge to

boycott all Soviet institutions

when he agreed to contest the

multiparty elections of 1990;

his nationalist rivals stayed

away from the poll and paid

The other opposition lead-

ers include his erstwhile de-

fence chief, prime minister

and foreign minister - all of

whom now denounce him as

a menace to Georgia who

must be forced out at almost

to the surface.

any price.

Russia recruits old faces

Moscow: Vitali Churkin, the former head of the Soviet foreign ministry's information department, turned up yesterday after a three-week absence from view as spokesman for the foreign ministry of the Russian Federation (Mary Dejevsky writes).

He then proceeded to inform reporters about the number (100 plus) of countries that have recognised Russia as the legitimate successor to the Soviet Union.

Mr Churkin is one of growing number of officials to have crossed into the Russian camp since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The extent to which the Soviet bureaucracy seems to have peen preserved has started to provoke adverse comment in the Russian media.

One commentator attacked the "apparatus" now being built up by the Russian leadership in its new headquar-ters, the old building of the Soviet Communist party's

Yeltsin visit

Tokyo: Japan and Russia have agreed on a series of diplomatic visits this year. including one to Japan by President Yeltsin in the summer. Japan hopes their territorial dispute over the Kurile islands can be resolved. (AFP)

Arms deals

Bonn: Germany said it has sold military equipment from the former East Germany to Uruguay and Finland, be-cause of "vital interests" in the two countries. The sales did not contravene German export laws, it said. (Reuter)

Camp rampage Budapest: About 20 Chinese awaiting expulsion from Hungary went on a rampage at a transit camp near Buda-

pest in a apparent attempt to escape, the Magyar Nemzet newspaper said.(AP)

Diplomatic ties Peking: China and Uzbeki-

stan established diplomatic relations with the signing of a joint communique in Tashkent, the Xinhua news agency reported. An economic cooperation and trade agreement was also signed. (AFP)

Moscow tries to allay fear

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN officials tried yesterday to allay concern about Ukraine's plans to take over former Soviet troop units in the republic. They emphasised that talks were in progress on contentious issues, including command of the Black Sea Fleet

Statements by Russian deputies and press comment indicated, however, that the mood could flare up if Ukraine proceeds with plans to start swearing in its Ukrainian servicemen on Sunday. The chairman of the Russian parliament's foreign affairs committee, Vladimir Lukin, said that he was surprised that the Russian government appeared to be neglecting the 'unilateral moves" by Ukraine.

He called for a Russian delegation to be sent to Ukraine "to make clear whether the Commonwealth of Independent States really exists". He said any unitateral action on the division of troops by any republic was inadmissible until a formal division between troops under central command and those under republic command had been agreed.

Vitali Churkin, the new Russian foreign ministry spokesman, told reporters yesterday that the situation was complex; an acceptable solution had to be found.

The Ukrainian defence ministry said on Thursday that all military units on Ukrainian territory would be transferred to Ukrainian command. The single exception would be strategic nuclear forces, that would remain under the single command of the new commonwealth. The statement said that servicemen who did not want to swear loyalty to Ukraine were free to serve elsewhere or to join the

According to figures re-leased by the former Soviet Union's army general staff, 40.3 per cent of troops de-ployed in Ukraine are Ukrainian, 44.5 per cent Russian and 15.2 per cent come from other national groups.

Bush prepares further big reductions in US forces

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush is expected to order further big cuts shortly in America's defence spending, over and above the deep reductions already announced.

Diplomats said that the reductions would almost inevitably entail a greater contraction of America's military presence overseas. They believe that American forces in Europe, scheduled to shrink from more than 300,000 to 150,000 by 1995, will now fall below 100,000. Mr Bush is warning allies privately on his Pacific tour that in future they will have to contribute more to their defence.

The reductions may also involve the rewriting of the five-year budget agreement the administration and Congress reached after tortuous negotiations in 1990. To date Mr Bush has resisted tampering with the agreement, which imposes badly needed fiscal discipline to curb record

budget deficits. Further defence cuts would represent an important change of policy forced on Mr Bush by the need to address America's dire economic problems, especially in an election year. Under existing plans, drawn up before the Soviet Union's collapse,

PRESIDENT Walesa was

locked in a battle of wills with

the new Polish government

yesterday over the sensitive

issue of who controls the

army. With growing uncer-

tainty about the command

structure of the armies in the

neighbouring former Soviet

republics, the argument in

Warsaw could not have come

Dr Jan Parys, the new de-

fence minister, is the first

civilian to hold the job for

more than 50 years. But his

first move has been controver-

sial — to force his predeces-sor, Admiral Piotr Kolodzie-

jezyk, into early retirement. The admiral, who had a good

working relationship with Mr

at a more delicate time.

America's armed forces were to be reduced by 25 per cent over five years from 1990. The Pentagon has been adamant that that represented an irreducible minimum below which morale and effectiveness would be seriously

Mr Bush hinted strongly at the impending cuts in an interview with David Frost broadcast on American television last night. It was "possible that there will be more reductions in defence spending because the world has changed so dramatically". he

Asked about reports that he wanted the Pentagon to save another \$50 billion (£27 billion) over five years, Mr Bush replied: "We had some yearend discussions with the defence secretary on that. They are being extraordinarily cooperative in trying to come to the president with recommendations in that very area

... With our enormous successes around the world I think there are ways that we can save more in defence, and I think the secretary feels that

The defence cuts are likely to form part of an economic rescue package to be an-nounced in Mr Bush's State of the Union speech on Janu-

Walesa joins battle over army

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

Walesa, had given a warning

last month that the Polish

army was extremely uneasy

about the political games in

Warsaw after the first fully

free elections in October. A

right-wing coalition under

Jan Olszewski, the prime

minister, has emerged and

the officer corps - many of

whom are former commu-

nists - was afraid that a new

desence minister would

not a witch hunter but he did

not approve of Admiral Kolo-

dziejczyk entering the polit-

ical fray. Mr Walesa, though,

is the supreme commander of

the armed forces and was not

consulted on the move to side-

Dr Parys, an economist, is

launch a witch hunt.

ary 28. They would almost certainly hit important procurement projects, but diplomats have long been predicting further reductions in America's presence in Europe and in other foreign arenas. "Anybody who is involved

in this game on the American side would acknowledge 150,000 is pie in the sky. It's definitely going to go lower than that. It's just a question of how low and how we can keep them tied into Europe," said one.

Britain's principal concern is that Washington maintains ready forces in Europe, not just a reinforcement capab-ility. That would involve at least a corps-level deployment of about 60,000 men with air support and appropriate in-fra-structure, bringing the total to about 90,000.

"That's what they are aiming at," said a Washington source. "This is being driven very much by the domestic thing the Pentagon are happy with, because there are still so many unknowns." The 1990 budget agreement caps do-mestic, foreign and military spending and does not permit savings in one category to be spent in another, although they can be used to cut the

line the admiral. The presi-

dent was intending to make

the admiral inspector-general

of the armed forces and thus

keep a measure of continuity

in the army. But this idea has

been scotched by the move of

the new government, and the

the excuse for a power strug-

gle between Mr Olszewski's

right-wing government and

Mr Walesa. The president

was against Mr Olszewski's

nomination as prime minis-

ter, partly because he feared

that Mr Olszewski would per-

form a U-turn on economic

policy, and partly because of

the prime minister's strong

The army then has become

legal position is hazy.

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Clifford Longley

Science's monopoly over truth faces a challenge

here is a common perception that one of the titanic battles of the pre-modern era was between religion and science, that science won that battle, and that its victory was necessary condition for the modern era

The modern claim is that the Gospel has nothing to do with modern culture. It is not the functionally scientific content of this culture which sets it against religion, however, but the extension of science as a world view, as a religion-substitute and as the ultimate grand inquisitor. judging all other claims to truth. This is what makes the modern world peculiarly secular. Scientism, a convenient name for this philosophical imperialism, does not stop at the laboratory door, but includes in its domain economics, medicine, art. history, education and all else.

This comprehensive scientism needs challenging, first because it is not true, and second because the founding of a whole edifice of ideas on an untruth is impoverishing and dangerous. In practice, hardly anybody believes in it as an overall rational scheme and framework, but historians tend professionally to believe their bit of it, and economists their bit, and scientists and doctors too - or at least they show nominal consent rather than risk losing professional face. And so the man in the street assumes it to be the accepted view, or the only intellectually respect-

ow it is being challenged, and formidably so. The challenge comes from within the mainstream Christian churches, the sleeping intellectual giants of Western culture. which have now, almost too late, begun to regain their intellectual courage. Having sounded the first trumpet call some eight years ago in a slim book called The Other Side of 1984, the challengers found they had struck a note which resonated in many a senior common room and seminar hall, cloister and pulpit. The intellectual climate in Britain was apparently ripe for some serious critical thinking about the 18th-century Enlightenment and its legacy. Above all, the time had come to stop taking the Enlightenment at its own evaluation, as the liberation of human thought from the enslavement of superstition and dogmatism. The limitations of the Enlightenment needed to be addressed as well.

The author of the book was Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, who was asked to pull together a number of ideas which had begun to surface at that time on the edges of the British Council of Churches. A conference followed, and the council later organised the response to his book into a sort of loose movement under the title "The Gospel and Our Culture", with meetings and a newsletter which now has more than a thousand subscribers; so far however, no effort has been made to gain public attention.

Now it is about to escape these narrow bounds. At the House of Commons on January 15, at a party hosted "ecumenically" by MPs Chris Patten, Frank Field and Simon Hughes, the holding of a "national consultation" on these themes in July is to be announced.

he basis of the event will be a book launched at the Commons party, The Gospel and Contemporary Culture, edited by Dr Hugh Montefiore, the former Bishop of Birmingham. Its theme is the fallacy of "scientism" and a critique of the root paradigms of Western secular culture, showing the necessing for a broader, religious idea of truth. Each of the eight chapters, which are of exceptional rigour and clarity, resulted from an academic seminar. The summer consultation will be chaired by Monsignor Vincent Nichols, who recently retired as secretary of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on his own appointment as a bishop, and the keynote address will be by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This turning up of the volume from soft to loud represents the churches' new confidence that these ideas, eight years in gestation, are strong enough to stand the test of public exposure and debate. What matters is no so much who wins these intellectual battles as who is perceived to have won in the eyes of the inexpert majority - in other words, who wins the propaganda victory. In their 18th and 19th-century clash with scientific rationalism, the churches resoundhas never recovered. It has taken them virtually a hundred years to demand a rematch. Whether anybody is prepared to take them on remains to be seen. ingly lost the propaganda war, and their image

Marcus Binney suggests a solution to the bitter disputes over repatriation of works of art

world rouse such fierce feelings as claims for the repatriation of works of art. Mere mention of the Elgin Marbles can divide a gathering

into warring camps. With the advent of 1992, a more civilised way of dealing with these problems presents itself. In Britain, the idea of museum outstations is well established. There is the Tate of the North in Liverpool. The National Portrait Gallery has permanent exhibitions at Benngborough Hall in Yorkshire and Montacute House in Somerset. The Science Museum has established the National Museum of Photography in Bradford, and the V&A has plans to locate part of its Indian collection nearby. So why not an outpost of

British Museum in Athens? The Italians have floated the dea, largely with a view to putting on show some of the treasures notoriously languishing in Italian museum basements. In Britain, one national collection exploring these possi-

the V&A in Paris, the Louvre in

London or. dare one say it, the

Treasuring a long loan take possession of

bilities is the Royal Armouries. The armouries are negotiating for 30,000 sq ft of a new development in the centre of Boston, Massachusetts, which would be fitted out and provided free by the developer as part of a planning package. Running costs will be met from admission charges, and the scheme will not have to be financed by the British taxpayer.
Guy Wilson, master of the

Royal Armouries explains: "About 50 per cent of the visitors to the Tower of London are from North America. There are more people there collecting and researching arms and armour than anywhere else. We are looking at a revolving exhibition which would change every

one to two years." The idea of such overseas loans is not new to the Royal Armouries. A considerable quantity of material is on indefinite loan to Colonial Williams-

tion of items is loaned to British regiments in Germany. There is also a twinning agree-Kremlin armoury in Moscow, with a view to ensuring a flow of major international exhibitions, and there are links with the Toshogu Shrine in

planned exchange

of staff this year.

Japan,

No doubt numerous objections can be raised to general exchanges of this kind. Not all institutions are at liberty to lend abroad. There may be legal obstacles from Acts of Parliament to clauses in trust settlements. Rigorous safeguards are needed to ensure that a host country, or a third party.



An exhibit lent abroad by the Royal Armouries

that the European Community could provide the kind of indemnity that the British govern-ment now provides to make major international loans possible. Some opponents would also argue that certain collec-

items on loan, or

immobilise them.

One possibility is

tions, such as that of the British Mu-

seum, are cultural ensembles of supreme importance, making intellectual sense only as wholes. But the idea of long-term foreign loans is in the spirit of 1992, and might prove a significant new source of sponsorship, as well as bringing treasures out

function was partly fulfilled by great travelling exhibitions such the treasures of Tutankhamun. But the cost of mounting such exhibitions is becoming prohibitive, quite apart from concern about exposing objects to the hazards of frequent travel.

Some years ago, Sir Hugh Casson, frustrated that he could not send the Royal Academy's Michaelangelo, Tondo, abroad came out with the memorable words "Great works of art should live dangerously". One can see what he meant. Too many restrictions stifle the message the artist wanted to proclaim. But even the owners of Canova's peripatetic Three Graces had second thoughts about the stress of frequent travel on those famous ankles when the lift in Christie's ware house suddenly crashed a full foot under the strain. Long-term

loans of suitable items might be a safer compromise.

The Spanish government is investing a fortune in housing the major part of the Thyssen collection of great paintings, loaned by Baron Thyssen, opposite the Prado in Madrid.

Once the idea of long-loans of collections or individual items to foreign countries has become commonplace, it could be taken a stage further. Would it not be possible for English Heritage and the Caisse Nationale des Monuments Historiques to exchange care of a Norman castle in England for a Plantagener one in France? Now that schoolchildren are constantly set Viking themes, is there a case for encouraging the Danes to set up a permanent display in York or take over a Viking site? The idea that one country can have sovereign possession of a piece of real estate in another has its precedent in embassy buildings.
The appeal of the long loan idea is that it would broaden our historical understanding, bring

treasures out of museum base ments, and take the sting out of arguments over repatriation.

Salute to a prolific Victorian

Arthur Sullivan's anniversary year is a chance to celebrate his many sides, says Ian Bradley

ir Arthur Sullivan may not have quite the international star status of Mozart, but he was almost as prolific and he was British - indeed, is arguably our most famous composer. So it is not surprising that the 150th anniversary of his birth in 1842 is being celebrated in concerts and performances throughout this year.

Sullivan's reputation as a serious composer has always suffered from his much better known role as one half of the team that perfected the art of comic opera and paved the way for other great partnerships muscial theatre such as Lerner and Lowe, and Rogers and Hammerstein. He himself regarded his collaborations with Gilbert as a rather wearisome distraction from his main work as a serious classical composer.

This year we should at last have the chance to hear some of his more serious music and to judge whether, as some exalongside Mendelssohn and Schubert. Among the longneglected works that are due to be performed are his own opera Haddon Hall, his cello concerto and a spectacular Te Deum written for 2,000 voices and first performed at the Crystal Palace in 1872 to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) from typhoid fever.

There are also hopes that the BBC can be persuaded to mount a special Sullivan Songs of Praise in celebration of one of Britain's greatest writers of hymn tunes. Sullivan was a church organist for 11 years, and composed the music for many great Victorian hymns.

Some of his other tunes, however, are associated with words now so dated that it is unlikely they will be heard again. It is hard to imagine modern congregations comfort-ably getting their tongues round "Art thou weary, art thou languid?" or the Marquess of Lorne's imperialistic "God bless our wide Dominion", but several hymnbooks in current use still contain Sullivan tunes.

There is ample scope, too, for radio programmes and vocal recitals of his part-songs and parlour ballads, which range from sensitive settings of Shakespearean poems such as "Where the bee sucks" and "O mistress mine" to such supreme examples of high Victorian sentiment as "The long day closes" and that perennial staple of bar-room tenors, "The Lost Chord", which was once described by Dame Clara Butt as having "something of the grandeur of Beethoven in it".

Inevitably, however, it will be the famous fruits of Sullivan's with W.S. Gilbert that we will be hearing most of in the coming months. A commemorative issue of stamps appearing in May will feature characters from the Savoy operas, and the airwaves are likely to be crackling with the sound of maniacal Mikado laughs and modern major-generals informing us with breath-taking speed of their knowledge of matters animal and vegetable and mineral.

The works of Gilbert and Sullivan are in need of a boost. assault on all things bourgeois and middle-class, they have largely been supplanted in schools by the likes of Grease and Guys and Dolls. The demise of the old D'Oyly

Carte Opera Company ten years ago next month left a gap in professional performances of



Sir Arthur Sullivan: his reputation suffered from the success of the operas

the operas which has not yet been satisfactorily filled. For more than a century the company had been the faithful guardian of the Savoy tradition, performing many bits of stage business exactly as Gilbert had

directed. The Arts Council redeath knell after a devastating report complained its productions creaked as much as the 30year-old wicker hampers which stored the costumes. Neverthe-

less, the company did have a fused it a grant and signed its devoted following and a talented group of soloists, led by John Reed and Kenneth Sandford, who will remain for many of us the definitive intepreters of the great G & S roles.

Hopes that the new D'Oyly Carte Company, which was launched with much razzmatazz in 1988, would fill the gap left by its predecessor and would treat the operas with the same respect, were somewhat shattered by last year's gim-micky production of The Gondollers. A set which resembled a corrugated banana-skin and appearances by puppets representing the royal corgis and Basil Brush were deservedly greeted with boos on the open-

However, this year, the company, which has undoubtedly achieved spectacularly high mu-sical standards, may yet redeem itself in the eyes of traditionalists. New touring productions of the Mikado and The Yeoman of the Guard open in Birmingham

ernaps the greatest lib-ernies with G & S are being taken by the English National Opera Company. Jonathan Miller's decision to transport the Mikado from Imperial Japan to the world of flappers and bright young things in the Twenties was bad enough, but one shud-ders to think what Ken Russell will make of Princess Ida this year. The plot — a skit on Tennyson's long poem The Prin-cess — already has men dressing up as women in order to eain access to an all-girl university run on strictly feminist principles.

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Increasingly the survival of the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition depends on amateur operatic societies. These at least are thriving and continuing to perform the operas with some regard for the intentions of librettist and composer. This is the time of year when draughty church halls up and down the land resound to the strains of policemen and pirates, peers and fairies, gondoliers and contadine. They, at least, will make sure that Sullivan's standard is properly saluted in his anniversary year.

Ian Bradley is editor of the twovolume Annotated Gilbert and Sullivan (Penguin).

...and moreover Philip Howard

lichės should be avoided like the plague. Well, up to a point, Sam. The trouble is that the plague, by its nature, was difficult to avoid. That is what gave the Black Death such a bad name. If we banned all cliches, and insisted that everything anybody spoke or wrote should be original, the world would be a much quieter

It would be a particularly hard doctrine for daily journalists. whose job consists of pouring out Niagaras of words at a rate that would make any normal writer's fingers fall off. In the same way that Homer and other oral poets had stock epithets and formulaic phrases that they trotted out automatically, when-ever dawn tip-toed in on her rosy toes, so giving themselves a breathing space to work out what came next, so journalists need cliches to keep the story flowing to deadline for the news desk. Words and phrases be-come cliches because they are striking or amusing ways of saying something. Originally, in French, a cliche was a printer's stereotype block. The word is said to be an onomatopoeid imitation of the sound produced by the dropping of the matrix on molten metal. We drop the things into our pieces all the time, without even hearing them plop. The cliché is the occupational vice, as well as the building-block, of journalism.

In addition to the common stock of cliches, we journalists which nobody outside our trade would dream of using. What does it behove us to state without fear or favour? That the man on the Clapham omnibus is insatiably interested in sex romps by Romeo vicars. Where does it behove us to state this cliché? In the high-street banks and from the rooftops? What will happen when their love nests are fearlessly exposed in an exclusive? Feathers will really fly, and everybody will get their knickers in a twist. What should be done when a luscious soap queen or toyboy goes on the rampage? He or she should be

rapped or lambasted. Nobody in the real world outside what used to be called Fleet Street still uses those old tags, unless they have caught the plague from the newspapers. Our house cliches suggest that newspapers are written and edited by middleaged men who have been locked to a time-ware since they were in a time-warp since they were reading the Beano.

Here are some current fave clichés from the pompous rather than populist media. all BBC-isms. "John Major has had a bilateral meeting with Chan-cellor Kohl." No doubt this was more fun than a unilateral one, but that bilateral is just a formulaic epithet to add a drop of gravity, just as Thetis is always silver-footed and Odys-seus crafty. A meeting is actually stronger than a bilateral meet-

ing, because it is plainer.

"They share a common interest." This is a tautology, doubly corroborative detail, intended to give artistic verisimili-

tude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative. They should either share an interest, or have a common interest. Thumbs down too for a mutual agreement and a mutual exchange. As it takes two to tango properly, so it takes two to make an agreement and two to have an exchange. What sort of agreement or exchange can you have if it is not mutual, pray?

These are the oral poets of our

time, piling on the stock epi-thets in order to make their reports sound more important. They evidently have a new rule in the BBC house cliche-book that nobody can have a plain record any more. It has to have its conventional epithet as a track record. If Hamlet were swearing to avenge his father on Radio 4, he would declare: "Yes, from the table of my memory / I'll wipe away all trivial track records." We were told about a sea change in Iran the other day, which is better than a sea change in Switzerland, but only just. Why has scenario ousted the more general and usually more exact scene? "Schubert had a penchant for melody." Well, yes, and Shakespeare had

a penchant for drama. With the speed of modern life, old cliches fade away faster than they used to. "Gymslip mums" ought to be jeans and T-shirt mums these days, and carboncopy deaths should be photocopies or faxes. Cliche is one of the elements in which journalism exists. But we must not allow it to rule the roost. Plop.

Thatcher's last hole

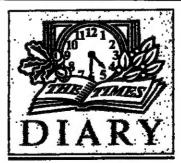
LITTLE more than a year after Mrs Thatcher retired from Downing Street, one of the best known images of the era she dominated is to pass into history. For more than a decade. Sir Denis Thatcher's golfclubs were almost as famous around the world as Mrs Thatcher's handbag. Now the former prime ministerial consort is considering hanging up his clubs for the last time.

Lord Deedes, a regular golfing partner and Bill of the Private Eve letters, says that a "chronic back problem" almost caused Sir Denis to quit the game in the autumn. "1 did play 18 holes with him in December at Stratford-upon-Avon. He took painkillers before we started. The back has made him consider packing it all in."

When the Thatchers bought their house in Dulwich, many suspected the choice owed much to the setting: the private estate overlooks Dulwich and Sydenham golf club. Sir Denis has now left the club. His abandonment of the links will also deprive the charity golf circuit of one of its most industrious participants. "But he has always had a most natural horror of putting his golf on public

display," says Deedes.

Sir Denis admits to being a "very bad player" and has often resented the image his love of golf has given him. Listing his achievements in business. Sir Denis once complained to The Spectator: They try to dismiss me as some sort of drunken halfwit who never thinks of anything except golf." Yet a complete change of lifestyle is not on the cards. Even after hanging up his clubs. Sir Denis has no intention of giving up that other golfing pastime: a small tincture at the 19th hole.



 After the exhibition of graffiti art which opens at the White-chapel Gallery in London this month. travellers on the capital's paint-daubed and vandal-hit underground can be forgiven for wondering what the sensitive artistic tendency will come up with next. A festival of creative mugging, perhaps?

Pounds in our pocket FACES at Labour's Walworth Road headquarters will be blush-

ing a shade of crimson not seen since the party lowered the red flag. Labour's financial services division recently mailed Labour members offering them a personal accident plan. Unfortunately, one party mem-

ber, M.J. Foster of Redditch. read the small print. He noticed that the policy was underwritten by Sun Alliance. Mr Foster did some checking and found that Sun Alliance recently donated £40,000 to Tory party coffers, and even gives money to the Economic League, a blacklisting organisation which is ritualistically denounced at every Labour conference.

He then wrote to Walworth Road asking how Labour manages to square this with whatever remains of its socialist conscience. An official replied that the party was acting on the advice of the Coon Bank, which had "offered the Sun Alliance package as a service which they felt would be of particular value". Of value to whom, Labour wisely does not say. Yesterday there was silence from Walworth Road, which, despite the imminence of the election, was still closed at the end of a two-week Christmas break

Taste for the macabre ANYONE feeling peckish in Kensington next week might consider dropping in to the Victoria and Albert Museum. Ignoring all those notices banning eating and drink-

ing except in the cafeteria, the



long-delayed "Art of Death" exhibition will cater for morbid appetites with tastings of "funeral food" Alexandral Alexandral food". Alongside the death masks, coffins and other paraphernalia of quietude, Peter Brears, a food historian will be doning his chef's hat. "Food has always been terribly important at funerals," he says. "In the 17th century a dead person could be saved from hell if a disreputable member of the community ate a meal on top of the

Even the thoroughly reputable, however, will be able to partake of some of Brears's other dishes. "In the last century polite society would provide sponge biscuits sealed in black tape and stamped in the symbolic shape of a heart." For those who still have an appetite, the exhibition opens on Wednesday.

 Weish pub names are the oddest in Britain, according to Myrddin ap Dafydd, compiler of a new survey. Dafydd's own prize for the most unusual goes to the Cow and Snuffers in Llandaff. This, however, is something of a cheat for it was so christened after an 1890s competition in search of a strange name. The Diary prefers the claim of The Onionhead near Caemarvon. The nickname of a former bald landlord, the joke persisted until one day it was painted on the inn sign.

Closet saint?

BORED with the "outing" of prominent figures in contemporary life, the gay activist group Outrage has turned its attentions to the pages of history. One of Britain's most saintly figures. Cardinal Newman, was homosexual, they claim. Newman is being considered by the Pope for canonisation, and the Roman Catholic establishment in Britain is furious. The claim, they say, is a slur to damage Newman's chances of sainthood.

Newman lived for 40 years with the priest Ambrose St John, and they were buried in the same grave. "In effect they lived together as partners. Their long term commitment to each other is indicative of a homosexual orientation," says Outrage. Rubbish, says Mgr Anthony Stark, chairman of Friends of Cardinal Newman. "The question has been thoroughly investigated and there is no evidence."

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THE POLITICS OF EVASION

Jack Straw for Labour produces a plan to stamp out illiteracy, so the government has to produce a plan to stamp out illiteracy. Both turn out to be using the same New Zealand expert, Dame Marie Clay, as their inspiranon, and both are accused by her of raising exaggerated expectations. What should be a profound debate over public policy is transformed into yet another political row.

That scene yesterday will be repeated ad infinitum in the run-up to the election, as indeed it has already been repeated ad infinitum over the past 12 months. At first blush, this is a surprise. The gap between Labour and the Tories has narrowed, as John Major succeeded Margaret Thatcher, and Labour ditched the last of its left-wing hmacies. Entry into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system, enthusiastically endorsed by both parties, has lessened the scope for disagreement over macroeconomic policies. These developments might have been expected to improve rational debate between the parties.

In fact, they have had the reverse effect. Because the themes are quiet ones, the volume control has been turned up. Slogans replace ideology; nuance of emphasis is presented as confrontation; and all substance that might alienate potential supporters is suppressed.

In the process, what ought to be the real issues are being lost. The two parties, for example, have danced round issues of taxation and public spending. The Tories claim that they can both cut income tax and raise public spending. Labour insists that it will spend more on better public services without increasing taxes (save on the rich). There is a difference of muance here, which Neil Kinnock rightly emphasised when promising to reverse any income tax cut which the Chancellor might introduce in his Budget. Nevertheless, the two great parties have taken positions horribly reminiscent of George Bush's "no new taxes" pledge in the American presidential contest of 1988. Both positions may prove dishonest.

The Labour party is failing to explain how it would pay for the growing number of very old people, for better child care, and in general for universal provision on the basis of need. The Conservatives fail to admit that universal provision might have to be abandoned and have not explained how private provision could bridge the gap. As it is, it is left to the Liberal Democrats to break the mould by promising to raise income tax if

necessary to spend more on education. At least the issue of taxation has been introduced, gently though both main parties tiptoe around it. Other issues that should be central to the coming election campaign are simply ignored. Neither party, Tory nor Labour, offers any serious thoughts on the vexed question of the relationship between central and local government, where the past 13 years have surposed the town halls of their autonomy. Neither confronts the question of how much control over spending and taxing can be settled locally, nor how those spending and taxing there can be made accountable. Nor has there been any serious discussion on a nationwide basis of the question of devolution to Scotland, and of the related question as to whether the principle of devolution should also be applied to the English regions.

It would be naive to expect the parties forthwith to abandon their mutual denigration and devote the last four or five months before polling day to questions of real substance. Election campaigns are about winning votes, not about determining policy. Exaggeration and distortion are the price of democracy.

But democracy also requires a different dimension to debate from that which the politicians will naturally provide on their own. Outside Westminster, in the press, on television and the radio, a real agenda needs constantly to be asserted. The politicians must be confronted with the questions they would prefer were not put, or 1992 will be remembered for the triumph of the politics of evasion.

MIDDLE EAST IMPASSE

Not only was it obvious that the expulsion of 12 Palestinians from their homes in the occupied West Bank was likely to provoke an angry walk-out by the Palestinians from the peace conference; it was calculated to do so. A move of this kind was forecast from the moment Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, gave his rejuctant assent to go to Madrid. He does not like the structure or agenda of the peace conference one bit. He could not afford to alienate the Americans by outright refusal to attend. Nor could be allow Israel to be portrayed as the obstacle to peace. What he could do was to manocuvie the Palestinians - or any of the other participants - into walking out, then point the finger of blame at them as wreckers of the peace process.

No one in the West is fooled. The American ambassador in Israel immediately called a press conference to deplore the expulsions. The Foreign Office contrary to international law and provocative at this stage of the peace process. The Israelis claim that they were responding to violence against settlers. But why not just put the perpetrators on trial in the normal way?

The moderate Palestinian leadership of Hanan Ashrawi, clearly put on the spot, might have been able to make a case for going to the talks regardless, had it not been for the Shamir government's simultaneous doubling of funds for new settlements in the forthcoming budget. This comes on top of the indulgence shown recently to the zealots turning Arabs out of their homes and moving in. Faced with a defeat over the budget, Mr Shamir made concessions to the religious parties and settlers' movements that are breathtaking in their blindness to Israel's real interests.

Nothing has so angered Washington as the illegal creation of new settlements; nothing so steeled President Bush's determination to withhold approval of American guarantees for the \$10 billion loan as Mr Shamir's cavalier disregard of James Baker's warnings. America is unlikely now to soften its stance; nor should it.

The Palestinian decision to suspend participation in the talks may now force the Americans reluctantly to reinvolve themselves in the moribund peace process. Washington's instration is palpable. Having got the talks going, the Americans tried, sensibly, to draw back and allow negotiations to proceed face to face. This, after all, was what the Israelis had always demanded. But the Israeli decision to arrive late for the Washington mund, followed by the weeklong farce when they and the Palestinians refused to budge from a corridor in the State Department, showed how childish petulance can be dressed up as principle and lead quickly to name-calling and stalemate. To the chagrin of all sides, the American public showed itself bored by the whole affair.

But clearly, neither side can yet be trusted eccd faith for to leave the room. The likely suspension of the talks is exactly what rejectionists on both sides wanted. The violent actions of Arabs who kill settlers and Jewish visilantes who provoke retaliation feed off each other. Mr Shamir, himself no moderate, has become hostage to the far right which now holds the balance of power in the Knesset.

Washington must not give in to the rejectionists, Israeli or Palestinian, nor need it. The current Republican White House, dominated as it is by Texas oil men, is less beholden, either politically or financially, to the American Jewish lobby than recent administrations were, or many Democrats would be. Moreover, Mr Baker has invested so much time and energy in the talks that he cannot allow them to fail at this stage. However frustrating, America must contime the firm line that brought both Arabs and Israelis into the same room. The Americans still have formidable leverage which they must use with brutal determination. Heads must be knocked, and knocked hard.

A WHIFF OF THE ORIENT

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Cecil Beaton once described the poet Sir Sacheverell Sitwell's "deepest coke-crackle" voice on such diverse subjects as the castrati, wreaths, Ingres or Ronald Firbank, as he smoked large Turkish cigarettes in boyish, unformed hands." Think how different an image would have been conjured up had the cigarettes been Silk Cut. Correspondents to The Times over the past fortnight, led by John Osborne, have lamented the demise of the Turkish cigarette, victim of dessicated Brussels bureaucrats. "Untipped, robust and fragrant," wrote Mr Osborne, "they always seemed to me the only cigarette tobacco worth smoking, and one of life's few and reliable pleasures."

To smoke a Turkish cigarene is 10 make a statement. Before the second world war, they were more popular than those made from Virginia tobacco. But they progressively became rarer, more exotic, harder to find and now all but impossible. The aroma, described by Mr Osborne as "exquisite", is certainly spicier, the shape, an oval in crosssection, more unusual, sitting comfortably between the first and second finger. Neither a cigar nor a run-of-the-mill cigarette, a Turkish cigarette lends the smoker a certain glamour, investing him or her with the slightly raffish aura of the drawing-room drama of Coward or Lonsdale, or the novels of Evelyn Waugh. Even women could (and still do) smoke them. In the Thirties, ladies' ivory or Meerschaum cigarette holders were often designed in a special oval shape to fit

in Buchan's thrillers. Turkish cigarettes

were usually smoked by the villains, who narrowed their eyes as the smoke wreathed their faces. Osbert Lancaster could not pen a cartoon without one. In the Forties and Fifties, disaffected would-be-intellectual undergraduates would frequent specialist tobacco shops in Oxford and Cambridge for their Turkish blends, just as the next generation donned black clothes and bought Gauloises and Gitanes. Aristotle Onassis liked them so much he made his first million manufacturing them. David Hockney used to have them sent from Old Bond Street to California. Burgess and Maclean were devotees, and Sir John Gielgud, still working at 87; smokes them heavily.

But most people who smoke Turkish cigarentes do so occasionally and for pleasure, almost as a ritual, with coffee, perhaps, or a liqueur after dinner. This is what makes the EC directive all the more galling for them. The reason the cigarettes will be manufactured no more is that their tar content exceeds the new maximum yield limit of 15mg. Yet who is to say that two pungent Turkish cigarettes a day will do more harm than 20 Mariboros?

Turkish cigarettes exude the dangerous romance of the old Orient Express. That is part of their appeal. The Duke of Clarence. son of Edward VII, died an early death from the potent cocktail of heavy drinking, gout, venereal disease and Turkish cigarettes. The EC should permit people to design the route to their own demise - and if they want to go out stylishly, in plumes of Turkish smoke, let

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The price of sterling: a former Chancellor looks back

And this was accompanied, of

course, by comforting arguments in

favour of lower interest rates, more

public investment and the like. Your

then economics editor was many

times more gloomy: "Is there

another tunnel at the end of the

tunnel?", he asked. Shortly thereafter

364 academic economists echoed the

same tune (report, March 30, 1981).

And the rest is history. I did not

accept your predecessor's advice. I

thought it necessary to maintain the

framework of monetary discipline to

which we were committed - in those

days the MTFS (medium-term

financial strategy) rather than the

ERM. (Indeed, not many months

later I was obliged again to raise

But the record seven years of

economic growth that followed were

seen in retrospect - for this was

hotly contested throughout the next

12 months - to have started almost

exactly from the date of my (most

unpopular) 1981 Budget. They may have had something to do with sticking to, and not abandoning, the

interest rates very sharply.)

From Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP for Surrey East (Conservative)

Sir, Your tribute (my thanks for that) to my economic "virility" in 1981 (leading article, January 1) is accompanied by another round of advice to today's Chancellor to ease his policy in various comfortable ways: lower interest rates, abandon our present parity in the exchange-rate mechanism — the recipe is wellknown.

Something in your last paragraph had a familiar ring about it: If Mr Lamont really is as dogmatic as he sounds, he may have done the economic equivalent of digging a deep hole, jumping in, and showelling soil on top of himself.

So I looked back at the closing paragraph of your predecessor's comment on my 1981 Budget (leading article, March 11, 1981):

If Sir Geoffrey now intends [the conditional is a useful device for leader-writers() to hand over the course of the by the primitive compass of monetary aggregates, we are destined for a very rough passage indeed.

Sir. Sir Kenneth Lewis sletter.

December 28) is disturbed by the

secrecy surrounding the pension paid to him as a former MP. He

seems reassured only in that the

parliamentary pension is received from the Public Trust Office.

He may be a little more disturbed

when he realises that, unlike other

investment managers, the Public

Trustee is exempted from most provisions of the Financial Services

Act. In May 1988, following an unsatisfactory transaction which his

office had carried out on my firm's

behalf, they told me that they do not

consider themselves bound by the

duty to secure "best execution" when

dealing for funds under their control.

The Crown Agents' debacle in the Seventies should, surely, have

warned politicians that it was unwise

to exempt civil servants from any

regulations designed to ensure pro-bity in the financial markets.

Yours sincerely, SOLOMON GREEN,

From the Director General

of the National Association

National fabric

January 2).

From Mr Michael Rowan

Sir. Patrick Carroll (letter, December

26) rightly says that the implications

of the judgment of the European

Court of Justice in the case of Barber

v. Guardian Royal Exchange have

been unclear in respect of service by

Sir, There is logic in Lord

Shelburne's suggestion that property owners should be allowed to create

tax-free maintenance funds (report,

All our national fabric, be it private

houses, roads, sewers or railways, has

eventually to be restored and re-

newed for the sake of posterity. An

appropriate annual allowance of

taxable income against present and

future repairs is a sensible way of

achieving this.

The self-administered pension fund has an analagous tax-free

status. Contributions to it are either

used for the allowed purpose or taxed

subsequently at full rate if not so

Sir. The second verse of the poem

concerning the Latin language quoted by Mr Wareham (letter, December 27) is worthy of rep-

MICHAEL ROWAN.

De mortuis

From Mr P. A. Marriage

etition. It runs as follows:

All are dead who wrote it,

All are dead who spoke it,

Yours faithfully,

P. A. MARRIAGE,

37 Norman Court,

Craneswater Park,

Southsea, Hampshire.

All half dead who learned it.

Lucky dead! They earned it!

January 2.

80 New King's Road, SW6.

2 Friars Lane,

December 30.

Richmond, Surrey.

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Pension rights

From Mr S. J. Green

framework of discipline we had employees before the judgment date

(May 17, 1990). That being so, he can hardly claim in the same breath that the protocol introduced at Maastricht removes the rights of employees to claim equal pensions for men and women in respect of service before that date.

I should perhaps make it clear that this association is entirely in favour of men and women earning equal pensions after that date.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ELTON. Director General, The National Association of Pension Funds Limited, 12-18 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1. December 31.

From Miss Flona J. Morrison Sir, I know of few British companies who would accept Patrick Carroll's suggestion that 2 h years' retrospection, at a cost of less than £3 billion, is "within the cost limits of what industry can afford". They are averse to

retrospective legislation of any kind. The date of November 7, 1987, which Mr Carroll suggests would be "more sensible" than May 17, 1990, as the service date before which men and women may not claim equal pensions, is based on parochial UK legislation. As such, it is not relevant to the European Community as a

Yours faithfully. F. J. MORRISON, Lane Clark & Peacock (actuaries). 30 Old Burlington Street, W1.

Art export controls From Mr Philip Wadsworth

December 30.

Sir, Mr George Levy's letter (January 1) serves to highlight once again the disruption which is bound to result when a free market is withdrawn from any specified commodity. If certain works of art, believed to

be peculiar in one way or another to the fundamental aesthetic foundation of this country, were to be forbidden export, values based upon a world market could no longer be contemplated. Insurance values would be reflected by retailers provided that assessment at "reasonable retail replacement cost" remains the guiding principle and valuers continue to look to retailers to ascertain prices of

It is the retail source which

Assisted places

From Dr H. C. Tomlinson Sir, Now it is apparent (report,

'like objects".

December 28) that more people are taking advantage of the assisted places scheme in independent schools than ever before, and that one third of the children being helped by the scheme come from families with an annual income of £8,700 or less, perhaps Mr Jack Straw would care to reconsider his absurd claim, made in his September address to the Headmasters' Conference, that the scheme is "an expensive failure".

Yours faithfully, HOWARD TOMLINSON (Headmaster). The Cathedral School, Old College, 29 Castle Street, Hereford.

Thatcher had no time whatsoever for

constitutional change (thank good-

ness). She then understood the real

Tory position on these fundamental

matters. Mr Butler refers to the "pro-

referendum tradition" in the Conser-

vative party, mentioned in the report.

The work of the great Tory thinkers from Burke to Michael Oakshott

and Peter Utley in our day could be

searched hard and long without

finding any support for it. Interest in

the referendum has never been more

than short-lived: and it has come

from Conservative politicians, like

Balfour, who saw in it some immedi-

I am so glad to say that those

members of the Conservative Pol-

itical Centre (a body which provides

a forum for debate within the Tory

party) who have discussed the

referendum recently have declared

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR B. COOKE, Director,

Conservative Political Centre.

32 Smith Square,

December 31.

Westminster, \$W1.

ate, passing advantage.

overwhelmingly against it.

It does not exist.

Value of referendum

From the Director of the Conservative Political Centre

Sir. Mr Chris Butler. MP fletter. December 30), exaggerates the significance of the report produced in 1978 by the Conservative party committee on the referendum (to which I rendered a few humble secretarial services).

The report was published by the Conservative Research Department as a contribution to discussion and not as an official statement of party policy, as the pamphlet to which he refers makes clear. There was never the slightest possibility that any action would be taken to implement the report's recommendations: for they were not sufficiently persuasive to oversum Mrs Thatcher's firmly established opposition to the incorporation of the referendum in our constitutional arrangements.

As Conservative leader, Mrs

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eyes which follows from our dear choice in favour of exchange-rate stability. Many other European economies - most notably France, Denmark, Ireland and The Nether-

chosen. Without such a framework,

Today, having finally entered the

ERM, it would be foolish indeed to

sacrifice the credibility in market

where would we have been?

lands - have had to make the same choice, and prospered as a result. The prime minister and Chancellor are absolutely right to point out that a devaluationist strategy could just as easily raise interest rates as lower them. It would certainly prej-

udice our hard-won inflation perfor-

mance. Neither Germany nor Japan

appear to have found strong cur-

Hair shirts are not necessarily de rigueur for Chancellors. But neither are they always wrong.

rencies a handicap to growth.

Yours etc. GEOFFREY HOWE, House of Commons. January 3.

Misery in Kosovo

From Mr Steven Norris, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative) and Mr George Galloway, MP for Hillhead (Labour)

Sir. While we agonise over the recognition of Slovenia and Croatia, the plight of the third largest ethnic group in the old Yugoslav federation should not be overlooked.

For the three million Yugoslav Albanians, an end to the fighting in Croatia would not end their misery indeed, as the world's attention is inevitably distracted elsewhere, the danger is that Serbia will look to the remnants of the federation to assuage its nationalist aspirations. This is bad news for the Albanians

in Kosovo, from which we have just returned. The signs there of worsening Serbian hegemony are all too evident — sackings of teachers, lecturers and public servants, the closure of Pristina University, the banning of the Albanian language in schools, beatings, arrests and now even press-ganging of young Albanians for the Serbian-dominated army, are everyday occurrences.

Yugoslavia is many nations. It would be a tragedy if, in attempting to solve the problems of two of them, the West were to condemn the Kosovan Albanians to Serbian domination, and wholesale denial of their legitimate human and political rights. Yours faithfully,

STEVEN NORRIS, GEORGE GALLOWAY. House of Commons.

December 30.

presents the price which the ultimate purchaser is asked to pay and insure upon. All items likely to be "insulated" by export restriction would presumably be less expensive to replace on that account — not good for the retailer but good for the insured (ultimate owner), with a

correspondingly reduced premium. How right Mr Levy is to recognise the implications upon fiscal assessment. "In lieu of duty" transfer as well as any other transfer with tax relief in mind would be affected. We would be taking one step back from Europe — i.e., "the open market". Yours faithfully, PHILIP WADSWORTH.

Marine House. St Andrew's Square. Colyton, East Devon. January 2.

Preserving TV drama From Mrs Anne Hanford Sir. Alvin Rakoff's letter (December

26) rightly pointed out the need to preserve the outstanding drama produced by BBC Television over the ast 30 years. Attitudes to the preservation of our

television heritage have changed significantly over the years. The BBC is currently planning the transfer of its existing 50,000 two-inch tapes to a new digital format to ensure the long-term preservation of these programmes. The obsolete two-inch format

probably has a practical working life of no more than five years. It is therefore most important that any existing two-inch recordings are made available for transfer at this stage.

Yours faithfully, ANNE HANFORD (Head, Television Library Services). British Broadcasting Corporation.

Film and Videotape Library. Reynard Mills Industrial Estate, Windmill Road. Brentford, Middlesex. January 3.

Smoking and health

From Mr Richard M. Hughes Sir. As a non-smoker and a member

of Ash (Action on Smoking and Health) I have been grimly amused to read the letters of anguish in your columns about the demise of the Turkish cigarette (letters, December 26, 31; January 2).

Mr Keith Heckler writes lovingly (December 31) of the end of his "beautifully-made, quality" cigarettes. It is rather like lemmings arguing about the advantages of very high cliffs over quite high cliffs.

Faithfully, RICHARD M. HUGHES, 29 Rustic Avenue, SW 16.

A good God and prevention of evil

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, Clifford Longley's explanation of "Why doesn't a good God intervene to prevent evil?" (December 28) is not satisfactory. Of course, a god who intervenes at every moment to avert disasters would "transform the world into a completely irrational state".

The point that Mr Longley does not mention is that the God of whom he is writing, the God of the main monotheistic religions, made himself known by interventions. The Jews believed that he alone redeemed them from Egyptian bondage, the Christians that he sent his only son to redeem them from sin, the Muslims that he sent the prophet. What troubles religious people and makes the morally sensitive doubt God's existence is why if he could intervene in the past, he should choose not to do so in the present when the need is as great.

What we want to know is not why God does not give a crashing plane a soft landing (Mr Longley's illustration) but why he should redeem a band of ungrateful Hebrew slaves from Egypt and not millions of their descendants from Auschwitz and Treblinka.

I believe that the time has come to accept the radical option, which many religious people already feel in their bones but have not articulated, namely that God's power but not his goodness is limited. God needs humanity to perfect his creation. The best proof of God's existence is the wonderful design of the universe but his plan for a good and harmonious society can only be realised by the efforts of mankind.

Faithfully, SIDNEY BRICHTO. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, The Montagu Centre, 109 Whitfield Street, W1. December 30.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Clifford Longley's discussion of the old question of why God allows evil misses one of the most telling points against the theistic answer non-human evil. It is possible to accept that evil caused by human beings or involving human beings has some kind of moral purpose, though it is often difficult to know what this may be; but it is surely impossible to accept that evil involving the suffering of non-human beings has any kind of moral purpose, especially the suffering of animals for millions of years before there were any human beings or in the many places where there still are no human beings.

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The real problem is not how it is possible to justify the ways of God to men, but how it might be possible to explain the ways of a man-made God to non-men.

Yours etc.. NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association. 88 Islington High Street, NI. December 30.

Laws of disorder

From Wing Commander Richard Dauncey

Sir, Our family suffers from Dauncey's Dilemma (letters, December 26, 28, January 2). Whenever we need to deliver or meet someone at Heathrow or Garwick, it is always during the rush-hour. The dilemma arises because the traffic then turns a 45-minute journey into one of two hours; we therefore leave early, only to find that we have thereby missed the traffic and arrive an hour too

Yours faithfully. RICHARD DAUNCEY, 334 Main Road, Naphill. High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr John Reed Sir, Reed's law: the queue next to yours at the checkout always moves faster than the one you are in. This applies a fortiori if you attempt to switch queues.

Yours sincerely. JOHN REED, 130 Fog Lane. Didsbury, Manchester 20.

From Mrs Elizabeth Foster Sir, Simpson's law of cycling fletter, December 28) has echoes of Foster's law, which states that whichever way I cycle across Bushey Park the wind will be against me.

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH FOSTER. 32 Connaught Road. Teddington, Middlesex.

From Professor Emeritus P. H.

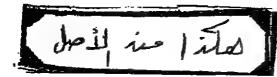
Sir, No doubt one of the oldest is Cheops's law: every construction takes longer and costs more than the most pessimistic estimate.

Carried Military Contractions

Yours realistically. PETER H. PLESCH. 19 Sutherland Drive. Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

From Miss Morag Murray Sir, Murray's law: any lost object will be found the day after replacement. Yours sincerely, MORAG MURRAY, Abbertey Lodge, Abberley, Worcestershire

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays

The King of Spain celebrates his birthday tomorrow.
The Grand Duke of Luxembourg

rates his birthday tomorro TODAY: Miss Grace Bumbry. opera and concert singer. 55: Miss Rosalie Crutchley, actress, 70: Mr lain Cuthbertson, actor, 62; Mr Alan Dyer, chief con-stable, Bedfordshire, 58; Professor K.J. Hancock, economist, 57; Sir Havelock Hudson, former chairman, Lloyd's, 73; Lieuten-ant-Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchison, 89; Sir Leslie Joseph. former vice-chairman. Trusthouse Forte, 84: Professor vice-chairman. B. Josephson, physicist, 52: Professor L.E. Lanyon, principal, Royal Veterinary College, 48; the Hon Diana Makgill, civil servant, 62: Mr John Marriott, governor, Parkhurst Prison, 45; Miss Margaret Marshall, onera and congress of the property of the professor garet Marshali, opera and concert singer, 43; Mr Floyd Patterson, boxer, 57; Mr Nicho-

Concord College, Shrewsbury

las Payne, director-designate,

The Spring term commences on January 5. Over 70 students remained at the college during the Christmas vacation and en joyed the social programme ar-ranged to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, Reunion Day will be on May 2 and the college's Open Day will be May 11. The leavers' dinner will be held on

The Wheelwrights'

Company The following have been installed in office for the ensuing year: Mr Robert W. Codling, Master, Mr W. Howard Sant, Upper Warden, Mr Kelth A. Wells, Renter

Retirement

His Honour Judge Morris-Jones. OC, retires from the Circuit Bench on the Northern Circuit Royal Opera, 47: the Earl of Ranfurty, 63: Mr T.J. Rix, pub-lisher, 58: the Rev Edward Rog-ers, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, 83; the Earl of Selkirk, QC. 86; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins. mander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 59.

TOMORROW: Mr Alfred Brendel, concert pianist, 61; the Earl of Dudley, 72; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Hanmer Hanbury. former Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, 76: Sir Frank Harrley, former vice-chancellor, London University, 81: Sir Alan Hume, civil servant, 79; Miss Diane Keaton, actress, 46; Miss Jan Leeming, broadcaster, 50: Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, 65: Mr Maurizio Pollini, pianist. 50; Major-General H. Quinlan, 86: Mr Wilhelm Soukop, sculptor, 85: General Sir John Stibbon, 57; the Hon Mrs Alison Wright, director-general, British Invisibles, 47; Lord Wynford, 75.

Church news The Rev Albert G Anderson, Vicar, Thorpe Hesley (Sheffield): 10 be Rector, Ribbesford w Bewdley and Dowles (Worcester).

The Rev Preb Marcus C Braybrooke, Officiating Minister, Bath Christ Church: to be Chap-lain to the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene. Holloway. Bath (Bath and Wells). The Rev John A Cardell-Oliver

Assistant Curate. Stansted Mountlitchet: to be Rector. Boxted w Langham (Cheimsford). The Rev Martin P Cuiverwell Curate (NSM), Bradford on Tone w Oake, Hillfarrance and

Heathfield: to be Rector. Rode Major (Bath and Wells). The Rev A Roger Dawson. Honorary Curate, St Barnabas. Dulwich (Southwark): to be Recfor of the United Benefice of Hockering, Honingham, East Tuddenham and North Tuddenham within the Mid-Norfolk Group Ministry (Norwich).

Forthcoming marriages

Dr P.P. Allport and Dr S. Kaplan

The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Allport of Ealing, London, and Susan, only daughter of Dr and Mrs S. Kaplan, of Philadelphia, USA. Mr M.C. Bedini

and Mrs G.P. Percy
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of the late Leonardo Bedini, of Rome, and of Mrs Virginia Bedini, of Newton Flotman, Norfolk, and Gay Patricia, stepdaughter and inter of Mr and Mrs John Cator, of Woodbastwick, Norfolk.

Mr R.M. Bennett and Miss B. Sharp
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.M. Bennett. of Pasadena. California, and Burbara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Sharp, of Rick-

Mr J.P. Bone and Miss S.A. Smith

The engagement is announced between John. elder son of the late Major J. E. Bone and of Mrs R. H. Boyle, and stepson of the Rev R.H. Boyle, of Banagher, County Offaly, and Sarann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.D. Smith, of Ardamine. County Wexford.

Dr H.A. Boothby and Miss L.F. de la Mare

The engagement is announced between Harry, son of the late Evelyn Basil Boothby and of Mrs Susan Boothby, of London, and Laura, daughter of Richard St Clair de la Mare, of London and Mrs N.V.S. Paravicini, of Brecon.

Mr M.J. Burt and Miss J.L. Cattermole

The engagement is announced between Max, elder son of the late Dr N.R. Burt and of Mrs M.R. Burt. of Hampstead. London. and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.B. Canermole, of Stevington, Bedfordshire. Mr M.J. Crossley and Mrs I. Chance

The engagement is announced between Martin Joseph, son of the late Joseph Crossley, of the Balloch, Glenisla, and Idones, eldest daughter of the late Sir Hugh Chance and of Lady Chance of 121 Bld St Michel. 1040 Bruxelles. The marriage will take place on Sunday. January 5, 1992.

Mr A. Davies and Miss S.R. Buzzing The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr R.G. Davies and Mrs M.R. Davies, Bognor Regis. West Sussex, and Susanna, daughter of Mr R.S. Buzzing and Dr P. Buzzing, Bognor Regis, West

Mr M.L. Evans and Miss S.H. Denham The engagement is announced between Mark Leonard, son of

Mr and Mrs Roger Evans, of Barnstaple, Devon, and Sarah Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Denham, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Mr W.H. Frindell and Miss D.M. Brown

The engagement is announced between William (Bill), son of the late Howard Frindall and of Mrs Evelyn Frindall, of Urchfont, Wiltshire, and Deborah, daughter of the late Alex Brown and of Mrs Margaret Brown, of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr S.N.J. Holden and Miss T.L. Freund The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs FJ. Holden, of Pinner. Middlesex, and Tracey, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M. Freund, of Pinner, Middlesex

and Miss R.M. Page The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs F. Leach, of Langton Green, Kent. and Rebecca, daughter of Canon and Mrs R.D. Page. of

Mr D.F.J. Mackwood

and Miss B.E. Charke The engagement is announced between David Mackwood, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire, and Bridger Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Clarke, of Bourton, Bristol.

and Miss K.L. Stephenson
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Martin, of Waterbeach.

Cambridgeshire. and Karen. daughter of Mr and Mrs T.E.V. Stephenson, of Henicaze, Bristol.

Mr C.M. Pinder and Miss I.R. Ogilvie The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Pinder, of Pidford Munor, Rookley, Isle of Wight, and Isobel, daughter of the late Professor Robert Ogilvie and of Mrs Jennifer Ogilvie, of Errachd.

Mr S.A.R. Sims-Hindmarsh and Miss A. Whatley The engagement is announced between Stephen. nephew of Mrs Joan Laura (Judy) Hindmarsh, of The Bear Hotel. Crickhowell. Powys, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Whatley. of Crickhowell. Powys.

and Miss C.H. Burnside
The engagement is announced
between Edward Mark, younger
son of Mr and Mrs Thomas william Steele. of Manor Farm. Great Comberton. Pershore. Worcestershire. and Caron Helena. daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald Peter Burnside. of Winterbourne. Torquay. Devon.

Mr J.M.J. Ward and Mejuffrouw B.

Wagenvoort
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M.W. Ward, of Temple House, Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Babette, daughter of De Heer R. Wagenvoort, of Bilthoven, Holland, and Mevrouw E.C. Kennedie, of Dieren, Holland.

Mr A.C. Wilson and Miss J.J. Holland The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs J.W.E. Wilson, of The Withies, Woodmancote, Cheltenham. and Julia. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Holland, of Oaklands Farm. Wineham.

Marriages

Mr R.C.G. Clowes and Miss D.M. Ronan The marriage took place on Monday, December 30, 1991, in Southern Ireland, of Mr Richard Clows, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Clowes, of Leicester-shire, and Miss Dorothy Ronan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Ronan, of Co Tipperary.

Mr S.E.C. Ingham

and Miss S-J. O'Donoghue The marriage took place on Thursday, December 19, in Chelca, between Simon Ingham, son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Ingham, of Lautrec, France, and Sarah-Jane O'Donoghue, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Valentine O'Donoghue.

OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL GRACE HOPPER

Rear-Admiral Grace Hop-per, US Navy (retd), mathematician and pioneer computer expert, died on New Year's Day at her home in Arlington, Virginia, aged 85. She was born in New York on December 9, 1906.

GRACE Hopper was a legend in her field, a woman whose career spanned the lifetime of the modern computer industry. Her work on programming languages contributed much to its success. She was also, from 1982 when Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, father of America's nuclear submarine capability, retired, to 1986 when she finally bowed out herself, the oldest officer on active duty in the US armed forces. Born Grace Brewster Mur-

ray, "Amazing Grace" as she was subsequently to become known, had a lucky start in life. As a child she wandered round New York with her grandfather, a civil engineer who had laid out part of the Bronx, and was allowed to help him with his measurements. Her father, too, took the not then entirely orthodox view that his two daughters should have the same educational chances as his son. For Grace this meant Vassar, where she took her master's degree in 1928, and Yale where she took her PhD in 1934. She was subsequently an instructor and then associate professor of mathematics at Vassar until 1944. She married Vincent Hopper in 1930 and although they were divorced in 1945 she always retained her married name.

Grace Hopper joined the US Navy in 1943. There, as a ieutenant assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance computation project at Harvard, she first began her work with computers. The initial calculating device, huge and crude by modern standards, was known as the Mark I.

trate and air raid warden.



It was a mysterious fault inside its labyrinthine circuits, which developed one August night in 1945, that led to Grace Hopper coining the term "bug" to describe the strange failures which have been cropping up in computers ever since. Things were going badly: in one of the circuits of the long, glass-enclosed comput-

er," she recalled later. "Finally, someone located the trouble spot and, using ordinary tweezers, removed the problem: a two-inch moth. From then on, when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had bugs in

After demobilisation in 1946 she remained on the US Navy reserve and continued to work as a faculty member in Harvard's computation laboratory until 1949 when she joined the Eckert-Mauchly Corporation as a mathematician. Eckert-Mauchly, which was later bought by the Remington Rand Corporation, was then building the Univac I, the world's first commercial electronic computer. Grace Hopper, with her work on programming languages, especially Cobol, was instru-

mental in making the new technology accessible to busi-Though she retired from

80; but did not stop work. She promptly joined the Digital Equipment Corporation as a consultant; a post she re-tained until her death. In 1962 she was elected a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and in 1969 the Data Processing Management Associ-ation selected her as its first computer sciences "Man of the Year". Her final achieveputer programming lan-

live until the year 2000. "I point back to the early days of

For that particular ambi-

was recalled to active duty within a year to oversee a programme to standardise the US Navy's computer pro-

grams and language. She re-ceived a special presidential appointment to the rank of rear-admiral in 1983 after the retirement of Admiral Rickover — with whom she shared the reputation of a combative personality and unonhodox approach. Hopper finally retired from the Navy in 1986 at the age of

ment came in September last. when President George Bush awarded her the National Medal of Technology for "her pioneering accomplishments in the development of comguages that simplified computer technology and opened the door to a significantly larger universe of users". She was the first woman to receive the award individually. She once said in a speech

that it was her ambition to have two reasons," she said. The first is that the party on December 31, 1999 will be a New Year's Eve party to end all New Year's Eve parties. The second is that I want to computers and say to all the doubters, 'See? We told you the computer could do all

tion, she did not have to wait

Gulf of Mexico and impoverished many other Lloyd's syndicates. Among them was Howden, a company with a London stock market listing



MAX KESTER

working life in 1916 as a farmhand in Cumberland, at least partly because of a patch on his lung which, it was thought, would respond best to an outdoor life. However, some of his father's talent had

clearly rubbed off on Kester, and when he contributed a lively article to the Yorkshire Post on the absurdities of an eccentric local yokel and discovered that it earned him more than a month's farm wages he decided to take up writing as a career. After a brief spell on the Yorkshire Post he joined the recording company HMV and began submitting freelance radio scripts to the BBC until Eric Maschwitz, then director of variety. invited him onto the staff.

After the war, while still working parttime for the BBC. Max Kester increasingly turned towards the stage. He wrote with equal success for Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge, Fred Emney, Richard Hearne, Bobby Howes, Frank Thornton and Max Wall. Never content to be confined to one thing at a time, Kester also wrote song lyrics. Among the hit tunes for which he wrote the title and words was "Love Locked Out" - made even more popular much later in a recording by Frank Sinatra.

Tall, slim and quizzical, Max Kester maintained his verve and his happy turn of phrase right to the end, adding to his accomplishments an enthusiasm for, and an encyclopaedic knowledge of, gardening. He is survived by his wife and by two sons and a daughter of his first marriage, and by a son and a daughter of his second marriage.

KENNETH GROB

Kenneth Vaughan Grob, for-mer chairman of Alexander Flowden, the Lloyd's insurance broker, died on December 28 aged 70. He was born on September 15, 1921.

KENNETH Grob was a leading figure in what was perhaps the most colourful of the scandals to emerge from the Corporation of Lloyd's insurance market in the past two decades, as a result of which he was expelled from the market in 1984.

Although Grob was cleared at Southwark Crown Court in 1989 of 16 charges of theft in connection with his activities at Lloyd's, the following year a report by Department of. Trade and Industry inspectors concluded he had misused funds to finance an extravagant lifestyle in London and the south of France, a valuable art collection, two racehorses, and a substantial share in a Swiss

The acquittal on the theft charges enabled Grob to enjoy the fruits of his stewardship of Alexander Howden. which grew to be one of the biggest broking firms at Lloyd's. But, coming soon after several other controversial episodes, the affair dealt an unquantifiable blow to Lloyd's international reputation for integrity and fair dealing.

After leaving school in

1937, Grob worked as a ju-nior clerk with Swann & Everett, a small Lloyd's broker. He became an RAF navigator during the war, but maintained his links with Swann, working there when on leave.

At Swann after the war be specialised in a profitable niche known as excess of loss reinsurance. In 1956 the chairman of Swann quietly departed. Grob and associates then bought Swann for £15,000 and used the firm as an international platform for this niche reinsurance.

This made him a millionaire, but in 1965 he obtained his biggest break when Hurricane Betsy laid waste the but in dire need of rescue. Grob sold Swann to Howden in return for a major

bined group.

That set him off on another round of aggressive expan-sion, after which Howden was employing 6,000 people around the world. The company grew by as much as 40 per cent a year, earning Grob the soubriquet of Grobfather". He hosted hunches at Howden's offices featuring caviar and cham-pagne in silver goblets.

But in the 1970s Howden's profits began to suffer. According to the DTI report, his response was "awe-inspiring misuse of reinsurance as a panacea for all problems". manipulating profits and disguising deficiencies. A complex web of bogus reinsurance deals was created, involving Panamanian companies and Liechtenstein trusts. In 1980 Grob conspired to buy the Swiss Banque de Rhône et de la Tamise from Howden without telling his fellow directors.

To the outside world, however, Howden still prospered, receiving a £200 million takeover bid from Alexander & Alexander of the US. After the deal went through, an accountant for the Americans spotted a deficiency of nearly £40 million. Grob made good the loss, was expelled from Lloyd's and retired to the south of France. But two years later, in 1987, the French police and a member of the London Fraud Squad arrested him on his terrace overlooking the Medi-terranean for the case that led to his appearance at Southwark Crown Court and acquitta!

He leaves a widow, Mary, three sons and two daughters.



WILLIAM BUCKLEY

Nigel West writes:

Buckley (December 28) was not entirely accurate. The incident in Beirut which killed his predecessor (who was Kenneth Haas, not Robert Ames) occurred on April 18, 1983; "At least twelve agents" did not die in the blast: five CIA officers and

two CIA secretaries died. Your figure for Admiral Turner's "Halloween Massacre" of posts in the Clandestine Service of the CIA is an underestimate. In fact, over a three-year period, 2,800 experienced intelligence officers left the agency and a total of 820 permanent posts were abolished.

The suggestion that under other circumstances Buckley

"would not have found himself elevated to a central role onage activities" is unsubstantiated. He was certainly a likely candidate for the position of station chief, bearing in mind that he had previously been posted three times in the region, to Damascus and Islamabad (appointments omitted in the obituary) as well as Cairo.

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Buckley won the Silver Star for gallantry during the Korean War, and in Vietnam served as deputy to Tucker Gougelmann who directed the notorious provincial reconnaissance units composed of Viet Cong defectors.

Buckley was divorced, with two children, and ran an antiques shop as a hobby.

Finding sobriety through God

hangovers from the seasonal festivities will be turning to God for help in the new year. This period is one of the best recruiting times for treatment centres and fellowships such as Alcoholics Anonymous, which use a programme of recov-

ing George Formby, Will Hay and Clapham and Dwyer.

Dodgson, a cartoonist on the Yorkshire

Post, Max Kester Dodgson started his

Born in Yorkshire, the son of James

ery based on spiritual renewal. According to the charity Alcohol Con-cern. Britain is losing 8 to 14 million working days a year because of drinking. Up to 40,000 people attend meetings of AA regularly.

A new London charity will soon begin

research on how many alcoholics are cured by a programme known as the Minnesota model, based on the "12 steps" invented by the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. The steps constitute a recovery plan that has been taken up and adapted by organisations such as Anonymous. The programme advocates acceptance of the problem, a belief in God and a quasi-confessional process of talking through the problems of the past. The eleventh step outlines the necessity of prayer and meditation if lasting sobriety is to be achieved, and the twelfth step emphasises the importance of helping

According to Dr Brian Wells, a leading psychiatrist in the addiction field, the feature which marks out such programmes from other methods of treatment is the emphasis on God. or a

Higher Power Dr Wells, consultant psychiatrist who heads the Riverside Health Authority substance misuse service, is to launch Sharp, a treatment centre, in London this month. He says it will be the first of its kind to offer free day-patient treatment using the 12-step programme in this country. He is seeking a further £400,000 for a research project to evaluate the effectiveness of the programme. The Lancer recently published a letter from researchers in Helsinki in which

they reported the results of a compara-

tive study of the Minnesota model. They

found more people stopped drinking for

A new treatment for alcoholism emphasises the role of spiritual belief, reports Ruth Gledhill

year using the 12-step programme than with standard Finnish treatment, although overall abstinence rates were

New members often balk at any hint of

religion, but one, undergoing the programme in London, explained that the emphasis on God was made in order to displace the alcoholic's egotistical obses-sion from himself or herself on to God. He said: "The main idea is to stop them thinking they are God." The concept is deliberately nebulous even atheists could adjust to sobriety

along such lines, a member said. Many of the lapsed Irish Catholics who gravitate to AA meetings would be unable to accept anything more specific. "We tell them they can believe in the number 27 bus if they want, as long as they believe in something greater than themselves. We are not advocating a return to organised religion, although that can work well for some." The principles draw on the writ-ings of Jung and William James, who believed religious experience could transform a person's life. Father Y. a Roman Catholic priest,

described how he become an alcoholic before he entered the seminary. Desper-

ate to stop drinking, and living a life of debauched promiscuity, he walked into an AA meeting 23 years ago and was confronted by the word God, written in a controlled by the word God, written in a
12-step programme outlined on posters
on the walls. "My immediate reaction
was. I know all about that." That reaction, along with his ego, was crushed.
"Alcohol had gradually eroded my
faith, so my faith had become just a
practice." He had failed to stay celibate
and his drugking cycl. him a degreester

and his drinking cost him a doctorate

from a university in Rome. While some

parishioners knew of his problem, few realised he was an alcoholic. "I was a

very good commercial salesman for a product called God. I was a religiou vending machine. I could provide God

for other people but I had lost him.
"I eventually learnt what God was really about from a lapsed Catholic Liverpudlian whose relationship with God was conducted mostly in four-letter words. In my head I tore up my training. I started again, beginning with

Clayton Carlson, senior vice-president of Harper Collins, is publisher of the US division which specialises in books on-religion, addiction and psychology. One of the company's most successful books is Each Day a New Beginning, a daily meditation book which has sold over a million copies. He felt that the success of the 12-sen programmers were due levrolet. the 12-step programmes was due largely to the opportunity they offered to share insights with others suffering from the same problem. He said: "They are very careful in the movements not to define the Higher

Power as specifically the Judeao-Christian God, or as Jesus or the Buddha, but to leave it rather amorphous. What probably happens is that each individual defines the Higher Power in terms of their own perspective. The Higher Pow-er appears to be a critical dynamic. although there are groups that are athe-istic or agnostic, who define the Higher Power as the group itself. The dynamic appears to be to have a focus on something outside yourself."

According to William Miller, profes-

sor of psychology and psychiatry at New Mexico University, researchers have rec-ognised psychological, medical and social aspects of addiction but the spiritual aspects remain virtually unstudied. In a recent paper, published in the Drug and Alcohol Review, he says:

Though uncomfortable in some ways for both believers and unbelievers, the scientific study of spiritual processes may improve our understanding of the addictive behaviours, and our ability to prevent and treat these enduring

Muslims split over new parliament

from leading figures within the Muslim community that it is divisive and a pantomime (Ruth Gledhill writes). Despite the high profile achieved by its founder, Kalim Siddiqui, the parliament has failed to win support from senior Muslim academics and other representative Islamic bodies.

In his keynote address at the inaugural session at Ken-sington town hall, London,

Dr Siddiqui will speak of his determination to turn Mus-lims into the best educated and most morally upright, law-abiding and prosperous community in Britain.

Dr Siddiqui will describe how the 155-member parlia-

ment has been drawn from all

sections of the 1.5 million Muslim community in Brit-ain. The first member to be called from the floor will be Imelda Ryan, a housewife from Slough, Berkshire.

Dr Siddiqui will predict civil disobedience and campaigns over issues such as education. Muslims have been campaigning for volun-tary-aided Muslim schools. He will forecast the end of

as Marxism. The parliament originally titled the Council of British Muslims, grew out of the Muslim Manifesto drawn up by a committee appointed by the Muslim Institute.

Western civilisation, which he

believes will go the same way

Dr Siddiqui, director of the Muslim Institute and leader concern.

THE Muslim Parliament of the parliament, described opens today amid allegations in 1990 a "lava of hatred" against Islam and Muslims oozing out of every nook and

cranny of this great country of

The parliament was condemned last night by leading Muslims. Syed Aziz Pasha, general secretary of the Union of Muslim Organisations, which has represented the Muslim community for 21 years, said: "It is ridiculous and absurd to conceive of the name 'parliament' to rival the Westminster parliament. I do not think many Muslims will support it. "We have established con-

nections with government de-partments and we have been negotiating for the rights of the Muslim community. There is no need for any other body. Such a body will be divisive and is not in the interests of the Muslim community."

Another leading Muslim

said: "Every community is entitled to its own pantomime. This parliament is such a body. It is Outrageous."

Mushuq ibn Ally, director of the Centre for Islamic

Studies at St David's College, University of Wales, said: "If by Muslim Parliament, Dr Siddiqui means a a council which unites Muslim organisations and institutions in Britain, I think it is a positive development. My only worry is that the word 'parliament' is rather provocative and does not really reflect that kind of



Church services for tomorrow

Second Sunday after Christmas -

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL 2 NC. 9.30 M: 11 3
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Sermon & Compline: Res Y G C Breit.
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Linigie (Mendelssohn). Mr P Cumingham
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(British), rubitien (Wilson); 4 E. Dyson in D.
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Sambridge.

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57 FAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 40.30 M, Te Deurs à Benedicus: The Service in Tures Parts panneys; 11.30 HC. Missa in Mailvinne Dominus Noetic Jen. Cariste (Pinned). Canone Dominus Hostiet; 3.15 E. The Sochester Service (Vann). Resonet in landidus (Hanni), Ven E Shirms.

Shiras.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 5 HC; 10 M, RESPONSE (Radelling), Collegium Repair (Froweling), I saw three ships Hedger), Res P Ferguson: 11.15 Abbey Rach, Miss Hurs's (Gathelil), Dormi Jesu (Radbira), Res P Rener J E, New College Service (Howelin), Res P Rener J E, New College Service (Howelin), Res C Sember.

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Southwark Cathendral: 9 HC 11 Ebch. Missa Acterna Christi munica (Palesmina), Quicto postores Landavere (Rumer), Wars Creatic Song (Bayan Relly), Canon 2 Wither F E, Stamford in 9 flex, Lord in thankful love adoring Galuberti, When Christ was born of Mary from (Gauge). The Provon.

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 4, 6, 12, 5.30 & 7: 10.30 SM. Men's voluce Asperges me (plainsong). Masse Peer hates est noisis (Tallia. Ornnes de Sabe venieur [Bandl]. Les Anges (Mentiam); 2.30 Organ Rechai: 3.30 Soltann V & R. Men's volces: Magnificat primitud (Suriam), Ante Inciderum genhus (Handl). Les Bergers (Mentiam). Rechait: 3.30 Soltann V & R. Men's volces: Magnificat primitud (Suriam), Ante Inciderum genhus (Handl). Les Bergers (Mentiam) Service o LM: 11.30 Masses for four volces (Bergers, 10 Children's Service o LM: 11.30 Masses for four volces (Rechait of LM: 11.30 Masses for four volces (CATHERDRAL OF TEE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, WZ: 9.30 M; 11. Divine Linuigs.

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Murphy; 12.20 RC. FIG. W. D. Kennedy-Bell.

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MC. 10 Children's Service; 11 Parish Commissnion, Preb. C E L Tpomson: 6 E. Preb C.R.J.
Thomson,

CHRIST CHURCH, CHRISTA, TWI E HC 113, Buch, Rev N Viges, BOLY TRENUTY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC 11 Choral HC Rev Dr M Brasil.

Today BIRTHS: James Ussher, Archbishop of

Armagh, chronologist, Dublin, 1881; Giovanni Pergolesi, compuser, Jesi, Italy, 1710; Jacob Ozimm, philologist and folk-tale collector, Hanan, Germany, 1785; Louis Braille, inventor of the system bearing his name, Coupvay, France, 1809; Sir Issac Pitman, inventor

of a shorthand system. Trowbridge, Wilts, 1813; Augustus John, painter, Tenby, Dyfed, 1878.

DEATHS: Stephen Hales, clergyman, ploneer of plant physiology, Teddington, Middlesex, 1761; Heuri Bergson, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1928; Paris, 1941; Albert Committee and Paris (1941).

opher, Nobel laureate 1925, Paris, 1941; 1957, Sens, France, 1960; T S Eliot, poet, Nobel laureate 1948, London, 1965; Donald Campbell, killed when his

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BIRTHS: Kourad Adensuer, 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Cologne, 1876; Humbert Wolfe, poet, Milan, 1886, he also died on this day, London, 1940.

DEATHS: St Edward the Condessor, king of England, reigned 1042-66, London, 1066; Sir Ernen Shackleton, explorer, South Georgia, Antarctica, 1922; Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the USA 1923-29. Northampton, Massachusetta, 1933; Amy Johnson, avianor, lost in flight over the Thames estuary, 1941. Tonight is Tweith Night.

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ON THIS DAY

1876

The poet Shelley and his friend Edward Williams died in 1822 after their vessel had run into a fierce equall in the Bay of Spezia. Later it was suggested that their craft had not capsized but had been run down by another. At all events, Shelley's body was cremated on the beach near Viareggio by his friend E.J. Trelawny. Byron was also present, The oshes were taken to a protes-tant cometery in Rome. Shelley's heart would not burn and was sent to his wife Mary.

> THE DEATH OF SHELLEY TO THE EDITOR.

OF THE TIMES Sir. - With reference to the recent letters and comments which have appeared regarding the death of Shelley, in connexion with the story up, as far as seems practicable, the present mystification which surtruth, since the publication in The Times on the 24th of December of the letter from Professor Gubernatoris (quoted from the Athenasum), wherein the whole story is treated as the canard of some "wag of a sailor." A perusal of the hostess, who is an old friend of the Shelley family, I made a morning milord Inglese was on board, and pilgrimage to the poet's former they should find gold." My inforabode, and having recently stood on mant has resided during the last 20 years in the neighbourhood of the very shores where his body was consumed by flames, I naturally faith in the truth of the above. questioned my companion regarding such particulars of the tragical tale as might have come to her

knowledge from her intimacy with the family, and it was with intense interest that I then listened to the story of the fisherman, of which a somewhat garbled version has now appeared in print.
The old fishermen died so far

back as 1803, and appears to have

made no particular secret on his deathbed of the crime that weighed on his conscience; and, as his name seems to have been witheld by the priest to whom allusion has been made, there would appear to have been no "betrayal of the Confessional" in the case; indeed, the very fact of the story having transpired may be accepted as proof that it was but the overflowing of the dying man's conscience to all who were around him. The priest confided what had thus come to his know-ledge to an Italian noble residing in the vicinity, who was known to be on terms of intimacy with the deceased poet's friends, and by him it was made known to my informant for a similar reason. She forthwith communicated it to "the person most interested" who seems to have refrained from publicity; and meanwhile the old noble has died, and the mention of his name would serve no of the fishermen as related by Miss useful purpose. But it seems evident Trelawny, I think it right to clear that neither he nor the priest could have had any possible motive in concecting such a story some 40 rounds it. This seems to be all the years after the poet's death, when more necessary in the interests of all excitement on the subject had ceased; and to those conversant with the actual facts of the disaster. it will seem like a revelation of the probable truth. It should not be forgotten that Mr. Trelawny, after a careful investigation on the spot, came to the conclusion that there following particulars will, perhaps, had been foul play. The boat better enable your readers to judge wherein Shelley sailed was evidently not capsized, but run down by bility lies. In May of the present another craft. I will now give the year I chanced to be on a visit in a story itself in the very words of my charming vills overlooking the Bay friend: "A boatman dying near of Spezis and the romantic spot Sarzana confessed, about 12 years where Shelley spent the last few ago, that he was one of five when months of his life. Guided by my seeing the English boat in great

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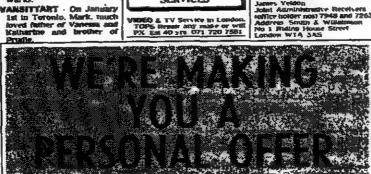
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(c) In English we have a special word for terrible dreams, nightmares. Banto-speakers call blissful dreams bilita upatshi. It crossed the Atlantic. In some parts of America settled by slaves, Belannahatchee means a legendary blissful state.

(c) A style of downhill skiing in which the skis, kept parallel and close together, are swivelled rapidly from side to side, from the German to wag one's tail: "The Austrian, Sailer, introduced the wedeln style to

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(a) Agar-agar jelly, jelly prepared from seaweeds of various kinds, used in bacteria-calture, medicine, glac-making, silk-dressing and cooking, from the Japanese: "You will not find kanten at Tesco's, and in any case it is costive." BRECUIA

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By Raymond Keens,

Today's position is from the game Heslenfeld — Wade, World Veteran Championship, Worlshoten 1991. Can you see how Britain's Bob Wade Installed the Championship of the

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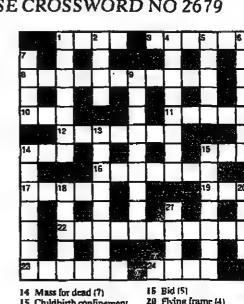
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7.25 News and weather
7.30 Crystal Tipps and Allstair. Animation (r) (4092907) 7.35 Wiz Bang. The first of a new tun and laughter series presented by Christopher Lifficrap (s) (9554617) 7.45 The Jetsons. Cartoon

advantures of a space age family (r) (8034704)

8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker presents the first of a new senes of her music and cookery programme. This week she talks to guest Lycka Campbell about food and fitness (s) (7365810) 8.35 hundercats. Cartoon (r) (2995568)

9.00 Going Livel presented by Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene.

Among the guests are naturalist Tony Soper and Neighbours actor

Kristian Schmid. Featured in the Hollywood Report is Corey Haim, star of the film Prayer of the Rollerboys, and there is a look behind the scenes of the Antiques Roadshow (s) (70578723) 12.15

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The Ime-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 and 12.55 Football: a preview of this afternoon's FA Cup third round matches: 12.40, 1.10 and 1.40 Racing from Haydock Park; 1.05 News; 1.25 and 3.30 Ski-jumping from Instruck: 1.55 Darts: the Embassy world championship from Frimley Green, Surrey; 2.30 Cyclo-cross: the General Portiolio British open championship from Harlow, Essex; 3.50 Football half-limes; 4.00 Cross Country: the Res Belfast; 4.35 Final Score (90578029)

5.00 News and weather

5.15 Regional News and sport. Wales: Wales on Saturday 5.20 Noel's House Party. Resistable fun and games hosted by Noel Edmonds. His guests are comedians Shane Ritchie and Bullseye's

Jim Bowen (s) (7606988)

6.10 Film: WarGames (1983) starring Matthew Brodenck, Dabney Coleman and Ally Sheedy. Suspenseful science fiction adventure about a teenage computer buff who, thinking he is playing an advanced new video game, accidentally taps into the United States nuclear defense parters and almost create a title world war. States nuclear defence system and almost starts a third world war. Directed by John Badham (16580988)



Astral bodies: John Michie with Millicent Martin (7.55pm)

7.55 Moon and Son. OCHOICE: With Jersey Jim Bergerac finally pensioned off, his creator Robert Banks Stewart offers a new series of lighthearted thrillers combining astrology and the topicality of the new European market. Millicent Martin and John Michie play a mother and son in the psychic business, commuting between Britain and France and getting themselves involved in dirty deeds. Tonight's tale, involving the murder of a Channel tunnel worker, could have come straight out of Bergerac except that it is thenkfully developed with more pece and clanty. On the early evidence Moon and Son also has some of the offbeat flavour of Banks Stewart's fondly remembered 1970s sense, Shoestring. The reservation is whether the central characters will be strong enough. Martin's gin-swilling clairvoyant seems a bit of a cliché and the son has not so far been given much definition. All the same it is a promising start. (Ceetax) (s) (878810)

8.50 Film: Baby Boom (1987). Astule comedy starring Diene Keston as a successful career woman with a wealthy lifestyle who suddenly becomes a mother when her cousin and his wife die, leaving her to look after their 13-month-old daughter. Harold Ramis and Sam Wanamaker also contribute to the fun and the director is Charles

10.35 News with Michael Buerk, (Ceefax) Sport and weather (400810)
10.55 Match of the Day: the Road to Wembley, Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from three of today's FA Cup third round matches, The commentators are John Motson, Barry Davies and

12.05am Film: Chase (1965) starring Jennifer O'Neil, Robert S. Woods and Michael Parks. Standard made-for-television thriller about a successful city fawyer who returns to her rural home town and finds herself defending a man suspected of murdering her former mentor. Directed by Rod Holcomb. (Caefax) (7407124)

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8.45 Open University (12489297) 11.05 Pd Like to Teach the World to Sing. The first of four programme about the work of voice coach lan Adam (r) (8039094) 11.45 Just Another Day. John Pitman with the staff, patients and their

BBC 2

parents at Great Ormond Street hospital for sick children (r) (574094) 12.15 Film: Ride in the Whirtwind (1965) starring Cameron Mitchell, Jack Nicholson and Tom Filer. Off-beat western about three drifters who find themselves mistaken for murderers and fall prey to a vergeful lynch-mob. Written by Jack Nicholson and directed by Monte Heilman (3235433) 1.35 Animation Now. Try Again and Succeed, narrated by Orson

Welles (r) (39800988)

1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leetham visits Berkeley Cestle, the scene of Edward II's murder (r) (845094)
 2.15 Network East presented by Shyema Perera. Includes an interview

with Bangladeshi singing star Runa Lalle (837075)
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 77 of the Indian epic. In Hindi with English

subtitles (2187636) 3.25 Film: Foxfire (1967) starring Jessica Tandy, John Deriver and Hume Cronyn. A sentimental TV movie about an Appalachian farm family with an elderly matriarch who communes with the ghost of her late husband and refuses to budge when her son suggests s is too old to five in the hills Directed by Jud Taylor (4986926)

4.55 Darts. The Embassy world championship from Frimley Green, Surrey, introduced by Eamonn Holmes (s) (12140013) 6,45 World of Dogs. The first of a new series presented by Angela Rippon and the chairman of the Kennel Club committee Mike Stockman. They set the scene for this year's Crufts and explore the world of dogs both inside and outside the show ring (s) 17940408

7.15 News with Chris Lowe. Sport and weather (686100)
7.30 Tortelier Masterclass. The celebrated cellist Paul Tortelier, who

died in 1990, performs Brahms's F major Sonata, in the first of six repeated programmes (199181)

8,15 Freddle Mercury: A Tribute. A musical tribute to the flamboyant lead singer of the rock group Queen, introduced by Elton John (r)



Maverick: Sam Peckinpah, right, and propsmaster (9.05pm)

9.05 Moving Pictures: Sam Peckinpah — Man of Iron.

● CHOICE: The Saturday night cinema strand abandons its usual magazine format for a feature-length documentary by Paul Joyce about the maverick American director, Sam Peckinpeh. Joyce about the investor americal director, sain reskingen, Joyce schews aimple chronology for a more ambitious thematic approach, concentrating on such issues as Pedinpah's treatment of violence and his attitude towards women. The programme is built around interviews with Peckinpah associates, and illustrated with clips from the films, but there is no commentary. The result may not mean much to those unacquainted with Peckinpah's work. This is no interviews with a those times the other threatments. work. This is no introductory primer. On the other hand it me brave attempt to dig beneath the surface evidence of the films and track down the unique sensibilities of a big but self-destructive talent who produced powerful, if flawed, films and was arguably the greatest director of westerns since John Ford (2296471)

10.35 Film: Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (1973) starring James Coburn, Kris Kristofferson and Bob Dyfan, Violent, moody and sometimes

wayward Peckinpah western with Coburn as the former gunmen, now a sheriff, who is assigned to arrest his former friend Billy the Kid (Kristofferson) after the latter escapes the hangman and goes

on the run. (Cestax) (88682907)

12.30em Darts. Esmonn Holmes introduces first round coverage of the Embassy world championship from Frimley Green, Surrey (3458360). Ends at 1.35

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6.00 TV-am (6938926)

9.25 Moormouth. Young people's entertainment presented by Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roalin, Town criers send new year greetings and a golden eagle helps Neil Buchanan learn about the ancient art of falconry. Plus the usual cartoons, videos and competitions (1882/365)

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features the Walker brothers with "The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore" (s) (45162)

12.30 The Muraters Today. Tepid re-make of the classic American comedy series about a ghoulish family (53075)

1.00 News with Flona Armstrong. Weather (39111742) 1.05 LWT News and weather (39110013)
1.10 Saint & Greavate. Ian and Jimmy preview this weekend's FA Cup third round matches and introduce action from the new year's Barclays league games (1585810) 2.00 Ski Tips. A new series of the skiing magazine offering intruction for

both novice and the experienced as well as resort reports (5617)
2.30 Cobblectones. County and County. Ditvid Young continues his exploration of the countryside of south-west England. (Oracle)

3.00 Shooker. Nick Owen introduces action from the Mercantile Credit Classic from the International Centre, Bournemouth (86564346) 4.45 Regults Service presented by Elton Westby (4339356) 5.00 News with Figna Armstrong. Weather (7358968) 5.05 LWT News and weather (1016297)

5.15 10 Sharpl includes a cartoon double bill starring Sylvester the Cat (a) (1005181)

(s) (1005161)
5.25 Baywatch. Adventures of a group of Los Angeles lifeguards.
Starring David Hasselhoff (7623655)
6.16 Billind Date. Cita Black plays cupid to another group of love-lorn hopefuls. (Oracle) (523655) 7.15 Berrymore. The first of a new series in which comedian Michael Barrymore meets the more eccentric members of the public (s)



Reluctant investigators: John Thaw, Kevin Whatley (8.00pm) 8.00 Inspector Mores: Second Time Around. The first of four repeat cases for Colin Dexter's erudite, beer-loving chief inspector. Tonight he is in reluctant contact with an old rivel when he investigates the mysterious death of a former deputy police commissioner. To solve the case Morse must first clear up an 18year-old murder, Starring John Thew, Kevin Whately and Kenneth Colley. (Oracle) (5933)* 10.00 News with Flons Ametrong. Weather (282549) 10.15 LWT

Weather (168520) 10.20 Terrant On TV. Chris Terrant explores the world of International

television commercial makers (366433)

11.20 Snooker, Further coverage of the Mercantile Credit Classic from the international Centre, Bournemouth (360487)

12.30 The Big E. European megazine show featuring interviews with Bob Geldof and Sting; and a report from Switzerland on the sport

of snow skating (96872)

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1.35 WCW Pro Wrestling. More grunt, grapple and groan from the United States (8651501)

2.35 New Music. Celebrity interviews and pop videoe presented by Denise Donlar and Jana Lynne Write (8391637)

3.35 American College Football. Indiana v Michigan (6720747)

4.30 The HR Man and Her New Yeer Party Introduced by Pet Waterman and Michaels Streohen from Tokyo Joe's nightclub in Dreston (85327)

Preston (55327) . **5.30 ITN Morning News** (88124). Ends at **6.00**

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5.00 IGd 'n' Play. Animated adventures (1362162) 6.25 Dr Snuggles. Cartoon adventures of an eccentric inventor (5495723) 6.55 Once

CHANGE 4

Upon A Time . . . Space. Outer space explored through the eyes of animated characters (6705162) 7.25 Sporting Years To Remember. Pathe News archive film recalls Tottenham Hotspur's double, Rod Laver's grand slam and the athleticism of Mary Rand (2383162) 7.55 Trans World Sport. International sporting news

and features (1543723)
9.00 News summary (7123742) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line

(7480433)
9.30 Film: Charlotte's Web (1973). Animated feature film based on the children's book by E.B. White about a little pig whose life is saved by a spider. Directed by Charles A. Nichols and Iwao Takamoto

11.10 Kabaddi. The second men's semi-final - Punjab v Tamil Nadu (r)

(3932520)

11,45 Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge. Bruce Forsyth and Gary Player in action against Kenny Dalglish and Sandy Lyle (345704)

12.45 American Football - Red 42. Highlights of the first round of the

NFL play-offs (s) (841278)

1.15 Wilhe the Kid. Cartoon (3919891)

1.25 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 1.30, 2.05, 2.35 and 3.05 races (29895617)

an's World (1954) starring Clifton Webb, Lauren Bacat and Van Heffin. Polished and strongly-cast business comedy about three executives and their wives who are summoned by the corporation president to assess which of the men will be promot to general manager. Directed by Jean Negulesco (59493549) 5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (1145742) 6.35 News and weather (156384)



Sweet and sentimental: June Allyson, James Stewart (6.40pm)

6.40 Film: The Glenn Miller Story (1954). CHOCE: If Hollywood was making a blook of Glenn Miller today it would no doubt probe into all sorts of dark corners of the bandleader's life and present his death as a form of suicide. In the 1950s, however, film biographies were still sweet and sentimental. You enjoy The Glenn Miller Story not as a dramatised documentary You enjoy Ine Glerin Inter Story not as a dramatised documentary but as a piece of com. You are helped by an engaging performance by James Stewart, stuttering his triumphant way through a string of hits. The music, of course, is wonderful and real performers (Louis Armstrong, Gene Krups, Frances Langford) are worked effortiessly into the nerrative. June Allyson is archetypocally cast as the pretty, loyal wife. The surprise is that the film was directed by Arribony Mann, whose other work with Stewart in the 1950s included a serious of notably hard-edged westerns where sentimentality was the very lest thing you expected (72300155).

sentimentality, was the very last thing you expected Vesterns where sentimentality, was the very last thing you expected (72300153) 8.45 Americam Football. Live coverage of the second play-off, between the Denver Broncos and the Houston Oliere, introduced by Mick Luckhurst (33998278) 12.30cm Film: Aphrodite Goddess of Love (1957) starring issballe

Corey, Irans Turc, Ivo Garani and Anthony Staffen. The Sword and Sendal season ends with romance between a young Roman sculptor and the Christian girl modelling for his status of Aphrodits. Directed by Marc Bonnerd (in Italian with English sub (376853)

2.25 The Word. A repeat of Friday's show, presented by Terry Christian, Amende de cedenet end Katle Puckrik (4393722). Ends at 1.25

11.00 Transformers (10810) 11.30 Ster Trek
(28839) 12.00pm Beyond 2000 (94346) 1.00
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PADIO 2

FM Stereo 4,00em Steve Madden with The Early Show 8.00 Barbara Stargeon The Saturday Show 8.00 Barbara Stargeon The Saturday Show 8.05 Brien Matthew 10.00

Sarah Kennedy 12,00 Gyles Brandreth 1,00pm Round the Home: Classic convoldy with Kenneth Home 1.30 The Start Freberg 2.00 Romre Hitten: Sounds of the 50s 3.00 Steve Race 4.00 Junton's Jotens 4.30 The Great Musicals 5.00 Conerna 2 5.30 Music By Elementer 8.00 Bob Holness Requests the Pleasare 7.00 The Pasadems's Almanac 7.30 The Massad Bands of the Royal Air Force 9.30 Easy Does it 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12 05cm Net Terms 12 55 Colls Represent Neth State 2.00 At 10 A 14th Neth Mater. 12.05am Mel Torme 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

PADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 12.00pm.
6.00mm World Service. News and 24 Hours
6.00 Morning Edition With Jon Brigge 9.00 On
Your Marks 12.00 Sport on 4 Plus 1 12.30pm Sportscall 1.30 Sport on 5. Includes Football
F.A. Cup Thard Round: cricket. news from New Zeatand; racing from Sandown; Rugby Union
coverage 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 News 8.00 Spc 0.5ts. 7.30 La Top 9.00 Afropop Worldwide
Live dance music from Zaira with Loketo in concert from New York 10.00 Sports Bulletin
10.15 On The Level 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

At times in GMT 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather news 4.45 Report 4.40 Travel and Weather news 4.45 News and Press Review in German 6.00 Service 8.30 Londres Maitin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours live followed by News Summary 7.30 From the Weather 7.45 The Mazart Phanamenon 8.00 World News 8.09 Worlds of Fath 8.15 A Johy Good Show 9.00 World News Summary 1.20 From the Weather 7.45 The Mazart Phanamenon 8.00 World News 8.09 Worlds of Fath 8.15 A Johy Good Show 9.00 World News 9.05 Waveguide 9.15 World Intel 9.30 Porsonal View 9.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newsburs Summary 10.01 Juzz New and Then 10.15 Lefter from America 10.30 Paople and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.58 Weather 12.00 World News 12.09 m News about Britan 14.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Reptimes 4.59 Travel news 5.00 News summary 5.01 Sportsworld State 12.5 Person 14.40 News 9.00 Newsburs 1.45 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Reptimes 4.59 Travel news 9.00 News summary 6.30 Hearte Akuel 7.00 German leatures 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 9.09 Book Choice 8.15 Londres Dernatine 8.30 Europe This Weatherd 9.00 Newsbur 10.00 World News 10.05 Seares State 11.20 Mention 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.05 Worlds of Fath 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A Johy Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Kom Buco Show 1.00 Nows Summary 1.01 Fly of the Week Vabularian — The Bind Master Ministrel 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 The Sirth of the Big Band 3.00 World News 3.09 Nows about Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Fram Our Own Correspondent 3.50 Winte On . 4.00 Nowsdesk

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6.55em Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert. Denzi
(Bassoon Concerto in Franz
Liszt Chamber Orchestra
under Erwin Lukacs with
Laszlo Hara), Tchaikovsky
(January, February, The
Seasons: planst Peter Katin)
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Dukas
(The Sorcerer's Apprentice)

la Chambre du Proy under Jean-Claude Malgioire): G Charpentier (Depuis le jour, Louise Stuttgart RSO under Stellan Soltess enth Grace Bumbry, soprano): Prokofiev (Bellet music, Cindensille: Scottish National Orchestre under Negro Hand) under Neeme Jarvi)

performs Haydn's Sonata in F (H XVI23); Bartôk (Six Dances (n Avec); carror (ax bares in Hungarian Rhythm); Mussorgsky (Pictures from an Exhibition) (r) Saturday Review: With Richard Osborne Includes Record

Mendelssohn s Symphony No 3, Scotlish, by Roger Nichols Record Release Porpora (Dott Domrsus Cologne Chamber Chorr, Capella Agostmo Stellant under Peter Neumann) Brahms (String Quartet in B flat, Op 67 New World String Quartet), Elgar (Part Songs. The Holst Singers under Hillery Davan Wetton). Jenaček (Violin Sonata, Frank Peter Zimmermann, Alexander Longuett, piano), D'Indy (Symphonie sur un chant montagnard trançais Op 25, Symphonie cévenole: Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Charles Duton with Jean-Yves Thibaudel, piano) 12.55pm Words Rachel Trickell

reflects on language 1.00 Nows 1.05 Fishquard Festival 1991

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6.00 Live from the Met. The Ghosts

CHOICE: John Corigliano's

"grand opera buffa" (his words), relayed direct from New York's Metropolitican Opera House, is one of nine

Met productions that Radio 3 will be transmitting five during the next four months. The

others include La lancuelle del West and L'elisir d'elmore, with log names such as Pavarotti, Domingo and Frederica von

Stade Tonight, Congliano

unites the phosts of Mane Antomette (Teresa Strates)

and Beaumarchais, Figaro's creator (Hakan Hagegard), James Levine conducts the

Met forces, and in the interva

Brahma's Hungarian Dances Nos 11, 17 and 20 with Brooks

Smith (piano), Sinding (Suite in A minor Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under

orchestra, David Byers's Moon is Our Breething and Moeran's

Houldhan conducts Bax's

Three Pieces for small

11.10 Mozart through the Looking Glass First of three

Giovanni) 12.00-12.05am News

Corigliano and his producer Colin Graham are interviewed 9.25 Jascha Herietz (violan):

Alfred Wallenstein) 9.55 Unio Orchesim: Robert

As London except: 12.30prs-1,00 Riverside (53075) 1.55-4.45 Snooker (78221013)

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(*†123742) 9.15 C4 Racing — The Monting Line (*†480433) 9.30 Jelfin (530285) 19.00 Filtrs; Joe Smith, American" (1014742) 11.10 Palsas (9879109) 11.15 A Brush With Art (569891) 11.46 Filteri in Landon (345704) 12.48 American Football — Red 42 (841278) 1.18 Willie the Kid (3319891) 1.26 Channel 4 Racing from Sendown Park (25966917) 3.25 Filtrs: Women's World 5.05 Northern Life Sports Special (1016297) 5.15-5.25 Carlson Time (1005181) 12.50em Film: The Eyes of Chartes Send (50765) 2.00 The Ht Man and Her (19550) 4.00 Videolashion (19552) 4.50 Pacific Sports World (4757211) 6.05-5.80 William Tell (5701850) As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Block-busters (53075) 1.85-4.45 Snooker (79221013) 5.05 Ulster Newstime (1016297): 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time (1005161) 12.90pm The Eyes of Charles Sand (Poter Haskel) (90795) 2.00 The Hit Man and Her (1850) 4.00 Videotestion (16982) 4.30 Pacido Sports World (10748087) 5.05-5.30 William Tell (5701950) (25463047) 3.25 Petr: Wortsom s venna (25463049) 5.10 Brodetelde (2753704) 8.30 a Roelly Rosle (28) 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sudwim (250891) 7.30 Bachis H. O. Wa (345907) 8.05 Dr. Ben (445487) 8.05 American Football (61313018) 12.80-1.25 pa 14da Special (6221938)

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Music (9569079) 9.00 News (2849605) 9.20
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News (2790853)

NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.30pts News (14221483) 12.84 Sports Stadium (9428384) 5.55 The Last Diplorer (58326471) 6.55 Numbrit (58182742)

6.25 Year Pending (s) (r) 6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson visits

talking about 7.20 Kaleidoscope: It's Wilder in

venues around the country to find out what people are

Hosywood. Veteran American director Bitly Wilder gives a rare interview to Nigel Andrews and talks about his many hits including The

Apartment and Some Like It

In a tiny village on Lake Como it is the eve of the wedding of

7.50 Classic Serial. The Betrothed. Alessandro Manzoni's classic novel, set in 17th-century Italy.

Renzo and Lucia (1 of 4) (s) 8.50 Only Connect Professor Akbar Ahmed talks to Lord Desai of St Clement Danes, one of

several people from the Indian sub-continent who have achieved eminence in Britain (3) (1 of 6) (7) 9.20 Music In Mind (s)

9.50 Music in mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, hymn
and reflection (s)
9.59 Weather; News
10.15 Northern Lights
CHOICE: Who more fitting,

you might ask, to present these six programmes about

the Arctic than someone called Snowman? Senously though, Daniel Snowman has qualifications far more valid

than his name. He is one of radio's best reporters. In this

senes, he will have his work

cull out answering all those questions about the Arctic that you always wanted to ask but never did Towght's anaugural programme is little more than a Lester Bits and places.

pieces, sociology, military technology, ecology, and

(s)
10.45 For He is An Englishman
Barnister and historian Charles
Arnold-Baker gives an
autobographical talk (1 of 6)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares
National folicits

Notes (s) (r)

11.30 The End of the Road Show

every other "ology" appropriate to the Far North

(The Sorcerer's Apprentice' London Symphony Orchestra under André Previn); Rameau (Pantomime, Rigaudons 1 and 2, Platée: La Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Ploy under Losse Circle Mediciale)

8.30 News 8.35 Martin Roscoe: The pianist

Delmé String Quartet peforms Haydn's Quartet in B flat, Op 55 No 3). Robert Simpson (Quartet No 1)

2.00 Rafael Kubelik: First of 13 programmes tracing the career of the Czech conductor includes Smetana (From Bohemia s Woods and Fields, Má viasi: Czech

RANGE ALST THE TOTAL STREET (e) Stereo on FM 8.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 8.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 4.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.55, 8.58 -Weather

Martinů (The Frescoes of Pier della Francesca: RIPO);
Janáček (Concertino:
members of Bavenan RSO with Rudolf Firkusny, piano);
Kubelik (Quattro Forme per Archl. English Chamber Orchestra); Dvorák (Symphon No 9 n E minor: Chicago Symphony Orchestra)
4.60 Chopin: First of two programmes. With pienist 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 9.30 Breaksw

Julian Petitier and Maria Harding visit Cuba 10.00 News: Loose Ends: Ned programmes. With planist Caroline Palmer 4.30 Jazz Record Requests. With Geoffrey Smith 6.15 Third Opinion, with Shemr reports live from Pertin,
Australia (s)

11.00 News; Teiking Politics: Can't
Vote, Won't Vote, In General
Election year, Vivian Whate
asks why many people
entitled to vote will not be an Christopher Cook, includes reviews of the Royal Opera production of Turandot as it transfers to Wembley Arene. The New Oxford Book of 171 Cooking Memo and Mac. Century Verse, and Wes Craven's film *The People*

entitled to vote will not be on the electoral register, and why millions who are registered will not cast their vote 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 Money Box: Financial advice with Heather Payton 12.25pm Just a Minutel Nicholes Parsons hosts a new sones of

Parsons hosts a new senes of the fast-thinking, last-talking panel show (s)

12.55 Weather 1.00 News

1.10 Any Cuestions? On the panel are John Gummer, MP, agriculture minister; Ann Lesile, journalist; Jonathon Pormit, environmentalist and Liz Sumonds, chill conference. Liz Symonds, civil service trade union leader (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Any Answers? Phone in comments on Any Questions? on 071-580 4411 on U/1-abu 4411
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: The
Angel of Rome, Neville
Watchursi's play recalls the
unusual career of the last
castrato, Alessandro Moreschi,

who died in Rome in 1922 (s) 4.00 The Art of Travel. Annelte
Kobak invites novelist Caryl
Phillips to reflect on his journey in search of the "European tribe" (1 of 6) 4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis 5.00 What If . . ? Dr Christopher

Andrew speculates on the effect of a British defeat in the Falklands With Simon Jersons, editor of The Times

5.25 Family Fortunes (1 of 6) (r) 5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; Sports Round-up

Comedy senes reaching the parts that others cannot (s) 12.00 News, Incl 12.20am Weather followed by interlude 12.33 Shipping Forecast World Service (LW only)

programmes John and: Kathryn Lenethan, on two pianos, perform Mozart, arr Grieg (Fantasy and Sonata in C minor, K 457/475) and Liszt (Reminissences of Don FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053id+z/285m, 1088kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8 Radio 2: FM-88-90 2: Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m, FM-90-92 4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94 6 Radio 5: 683kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m World Service: MW 648kHz/463m Jazz FM 102.2 LBC; 1152kHz/261m FM 97.3 Capital: 1548kHz/194m, FM 95.8, GLR: 1458kHz/205m, FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

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course (r) (1521230) 10.55 Feet Feests. Chasse and apple londus:

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11.00 Into Print. The drawbacks to desidop publishing (r) (8259). Wales:
See You Sunday 11.30 Lingol Chris Serie, presents a special
about the ins and outs of jearning a foreign language (r) (58853)

12.30 Country File. John Craven's series on rural issues (6036747).

Wales: Farting in Wales 12.55 Weather (72131327)

1.00 News (39160018) followed by Paradise: A retiral of the laddustre

vestern drama starring Lee Horsiev and Signid Thomton. When a disease-riciden wolf situacke Ethen and Claire it is left to John Jaylor to try and find a rables vaccine (2702056.

1.65 Cartoon. (65689056). 2.00 EastEnders. Orunibus edition. (r) (Coetas) (88330)

3.00 Match of the Day Live: the Road to Weimbley. Desmond Lynem

introduces five coverage of the FA Cup third round match between the two first division front-runners, Leeds United and Menchester United, at Elend Road. The commentators are Berry Davies and Travor Brooking. Followed by the draw for the fourth round, five from Lancester Gaie (21589414).

5.10 Play it Safet Anneke Rice with a new series on safety first for

5.10 Play it Safet Ameka Rice with a new series on salety first for children (6073230)
5.40 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scutly and his team are in Queensferry, north Wales, Among the items shown is a valuable criental elephant. (Ceetax) (315563)
6.25 News with Mohrs Stuart. Weather (379230)
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Martin in The Fields in London's Trafelgar

Songs of Presse from St Martin-in-the-Fields in-London's Treteiger Square, with a congregation of beliringers from around the country. (Ceefax) (3) (511105)

Filter Young Sheridck Holmes (1985) starting Nicholes Rowe and Alan Cox. Clever and original adventure, set in 1870, which focuses on the early lives of Conan Doyle's come-busting peir. At school, the confident and arrogarit Holmes joins the bumbling Watson to investigate the death of a retired don who was working. on the world's first flying machine. Oirected by Basry (Rein Mari)
Levinson. (Ceefax) (s) (82468066).

9.00 News with Michael Buerlo (Ceefax) Weather (414143).



Answering the customers: Sir Michael Checkland (9.15pm)

8.15 See For Yourself — A Bitsback Special. One hundred viewers and listeners confront the director-general of the BBC. Sr Michael and isseners controll the cirector-general of the television and contents and worrise about the television and racio service they pay for Presented by Julian Petitier (8) (309399).

10.15 Everymen: To Give or Not to Give. Professor Sam Olinic; who was rescued and hidden from the Nazis during the second world war, has spent his life studying the personalfies and motives that that three ordinary people to risk their lives for others (1), (Csefax), (242361).

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10.55 The Nobel Century.

© CHOICE: Andrew Sachs, the uncrowned king of the television voice-over, nametes a four-perfinishing of Alired Nobel and his prize. The treatment is streightforward and covers some familiar ground. There is the irony of Nobel, who made, a fortupe from inventing dynamits, giving his name to the world's most temporapeace award. There are the Curles discovering radium and Marconi with his radio waves. All were early Nobel prize withelts, remembered here by surviving relatives. At times the programme threatens to become a pag on which to hang pothed biographies of famous people. Less well known is the determination of those ewarding the literature prize to exclude the processive besin and Tolstoy in favour of more acceptable figures, such as Redyard Kipling, Like the Hollywood Oscars, the Nobel prizes have often been revealing for those who tailed to win them. (70872).

7.25 But First This on Two. Children's programmes beginning with Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (2231898) 7.30 Hadio Spencer (r) (7577018) 7.55 Playdays (r) (8021230) 8.15 Two by Two. Nature series presented by Jenny Powell and Derek Griffiths (1) (1709747) 8.30 Telling Tales. The Jackel and the Lion. An encient story with 8.39 Teleng Tales, The Jackel and the Lion, An encient story with a modern message (s) (7761360) 8.45 Beber. Cartoon series (2959766) 9.10 Blood and Honey. Old Testament stories told by Tony-Robinson (s) (7185582) 9.30 Detenders of the Earth. Animated adventures (r), (Ceetax) (7007766) 9.50 The Best of Blue Peter (r), (Ceetax) (7001582) 10.15 Thundercats. Cartoon (3774968) 10.40 Strangers. Drama seriel (r) (s) (1525056) 11.05 Begops, Popular music series (8005765) 11.45 The O-Zone. News and views from the pop charts (7736143)

12.00 Cartoon. The Wave, a Japanese animated tolk tale (r) (7861835).
Wales; See Hear! 12.30 Stay Tooned!

12.16 Oliver Tweet. An animated version of the Dickens classic (2786853)

(2/80203)
1:00 Opera Season beginning with Julius Caesar. Handel's epic three-act tele of romance, comedy and political intrigue, first performed in London's Haymarket Theatre in 1724, is given a contemporary Middle East setting in a new production by the innovative American director Peter. Sellars. With Jeffrey Gall, Hagman Hiddebrand, Mary Westbrook-Geha and the Dreaden State Orchestra conducted by Craig Smith (8088230)

5.00 Regby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of yesterday's Courage loague match between Harlequins and Bath. The commentator is Nigel Starmer-Smith (5327). Wates: Swansee v

Newport

8.00 Ski Sunday introduced by Anna Walker and Julian Tutt. A special programme focusing on the non-alpine skiing disciplines represented in next month's winter Olympics — Nordic biathlon, ski-jumping and moguls — plus demonstration events of freestyle skiing — ballet and aeriets (108495)

Programmer Storia Clouds Gather, Peter Jay

6.35 The Money Programmer Storia Clouds Gather. Peter Jay examines the impact of continuing high interest rates and talks to Treesury minister John Maples about the government's determination to keep rates high to defend starting within the ERM .(252940) 5 The 1992 London International Boat Show. Anna Walker and

Rob Curling explore the biggest London Boat Show (799056)
Signs of the Times.

• CHOICE: A diverting series on personal tasts in the British home

opens with seven couples revealing how much they differ about anything from wooden pigs to the choice of duvet cover. Some of the disagreements are so fundamental that you wonder whether they will be couples much longer. From this apparently random evidence, presented without comment in the subjects' own words, two consistent themes emerge. One is a fundamental contrast between the tastes of men and women. The male preference seems to be for austere, uncluttered rooms, while women like to surround themselves with warm colours, elaborate turnishings and lots of ornaments. The other point is that men are taking far more interest in the home. Once they left furnishing and decor to the somen. Now they are determined to have what they like. One husband even refuses to let his wife hang curtains (281698)



Sex of strength: Forest Whitaker as Charile Parker (9.00pm)

9.80 Film: Bird (1988). Clint Eastwood's powerfully athospheric biography of the 1922 sexophonist Cherile Parker (Forest Whitzker) (36016230) 11/35 Derts. The final matches of the first round of the Embessy world

championship, introduced by Earnonn Holmes from Frimley Green, Surrey. The commentators are Sid Weddell and Tony Green (s) (389430), Ends at 12.40em

NAME IN COLUMN

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday in which, this week David Frost talks to President Bush and the chancellor, Norman Lamont (6905698)

Lamont (6905698)

8.25 Disney Club (6559872)

10.46 Link. Peter White profiles Sir John Wilson, a tireless campaigner on international disability issues, who is totally blind (2669476)

11:00 Morning Worship from the parish church of All Seints, Thorpe Arch in north Yorkshire (33501)

12:00 Encounter: The Struggle Continues. The lives of the Rev Dale St John White and his write, Trish, who live and work in the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre near Soweto (25921)

12:30 LWT News Weekand (6056143) 12:55 LWT Weather (72126495)

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1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (61703327)
1.10 Soft Yacht Racing off Nantucket island (8206414)
2.10 Film: Anna — Bailerins (1987) starring Silvia Seitel and Patrick Bach. A feature-length sequel to the serial shown last week. Directed by Frank Strecker (959563)
3.55 Snooker. The Mercantile Credit Cassic (548765)

5.30 Builseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz game (124)
6.00 Animal Country in East Anglis, Sarah Kennedy and Desmond Morris find a kingkejou and a python (227)
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (686327) 6.35 LWT News and weather (685698)

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Malmesbury. Wilts. (Oracle) (539501) 7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents the first of a new series of home video howers (265211)



Murder in Bexhill: David Suchet and Hugh Fraser (7.45 pm)

.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The ABC Murders. CHOICE: Part of the success of Point, leaving aside David Suchet's clever performance, is that it has concentrated on the Suchet's clever performance, is that it has concentrated on the short stories. This has meant light and digestible puzzles which never outstay their welcome instead of tedious country house murders with endless questioning of suspects. Now there has been a change of policy. This new series moves to feature-length adaptations of the novels. Fortunately The ABC Nurders is one of Christie's most ingenious and least ponderous mysteries and in Clive Exton's adaptation it comes up a treat, with pace, humour and the show's usual loving attention to 1930s style. As a bonus Christie locates one of her murders in Bexhill-on-Sea, allowing the camera to roem lovingly over the Art Deco De La Warr Pavilion, Hugh Fraser's upper-class twit and Philip Jackson's plodding Hugh Fraser's upper-class twit and Philip Jackson's plodding inspector continue to provide indispensable light relief. (Oracle) (40) 755)

9.45 Naws with Sue Carpenter, Weather (301230) 10.00 LWT Weather (698553)

18.65 The South Bank Show: Douglas Adame.

CHOICE: The South Bank Show likes to parade superlatives and for tonight's subject, Douglas Adams, it is able to find two. Adams is billed as not only Britain's most successful comic writer but also the wealthiest. The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy may have been a slow burner on rectio but in book form it took off at once and has now sold 14 million copies. After a long gap, and a change of direction from galactic comedy to Dirk Gently and his holistic detective agency, Adams is back on the Hilch-Hiker trail. The profile includes a jokey trip by Adams round Cambridge, where he apent three years as a half-hearted student, tributes from admirers such as Stephen Fry and a friendly chet with Melvyn Bragg. Lesse hacks will be comforted to learn that Britain's richest comic writer atilifinds writing absolute hell. Actors impressions of Arthur Dent, Ford Prefect and other Adams characters turn up to haunt him. (s)

11.05 Snookar. The Mercantile Credit Classic (358898)
12.30am Jean-Michel Jerre — Parist The French musician conducts a Bastille Day concert in Paris (s) (5193322)
1.45 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (6948032)
2.40 Film: Cloud Dencer (1980) starring David Carradine and Jennifer O'Neil. Episodic and protracted drama about a sturnt plint who ignores the advice of his doctor and his girlfriend's pleas for him to

retire. Directed by Barry Brown (326970) 4.40 Out of Limits. Sportsmen and women drive themselves to the limit (38711780) 5.00 Soap: Another zany episode from the lives of the Tate and Campbell families (r) (48896) 5.30 FTN Morning News (86631). Ends at 8.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news and features (r) (67143) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle. For the under-fives (42560) 7.30 Star Street. Animated adventures (7595414) 7.55 The Wild Bunch (7570105) 8.25 Ramona. Sarah Polley stars in the drama series about the everyday trats of a seven-year-old (7348143) 8.55 New Kids On the Block - On Tour. Animation (6412124)
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian drama serial. In Hindi with English subtites (1520005)

English subtitles (9508853) 10.00 Kebaddi. The Tamii Nadu men and women try for third place in

their respective tournaments (1) (97211)
10.30 Pro-Celebrity Golf The climax of the White and Mackey Scotch Trophy challenge features a shoot out between Michael Grade, Bruce Forsyth, Kenny Dalglish, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Peter Cook, together with the team captains, Gary Player and Sandy Lyle

11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). John Hart as the the masked goodie, thwarting crooks who use a take ghost to guard their hide-out. (2698)

12.00 Little House on the Prairie. Homely adventures of a family scraping a living on the Kanses plains, based on the autobiographical books of Laura Ingalls Wilder (61211)

1.00 Voyage to the Sottom of the Sea. Classic underwater adventures starring Richard Basehart (87259)

2.00 Film: Helio Dolly! (1969). Sumptuous, overstretched version of the

stage musical, set in 1890s New York, about a widowed matchmaker (Barbre Streisand, too young for the part) who sels her sights on a persimonious merchant (Walter Matthau). Directed by

Gene Kelly (34724292)

4.40 For Whom the Built Tolls. Craig Ferguson and Angelo Abdelataka with a lighthearted look at the annual Pamplona testival when terocious builts are let loose on the streets (r) (s) (6614501) 5.25 News (7335037)

5.30 Dig. A repeat of the unorthodox gardening series, presented by

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6.00 The Return of the Megic Roundabout. A documentary celebrating the return to television of the popular 1960s and 1970s children's programme, now to be seen during The Channel 4 Daily. Narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (679)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Nostalgic comedy series about growing up in late-1960s America, staming Fred Savage (259)
7.00 Ladakh — The Forbidden Wildermass. Wildlife documentary about the remote and inhospitable region that is home to the snowleopard and the bareheaded geese whose strong wings carry

leopard and the bareheaded geese whose strong wings carry them over the Himelayan mountain ranges. (Teletaxt) (s) (7872)



On the circuit: Racing driver Juan Manuel Fangio (8.00pm)

8.00 Fangle. A profile of the Argentine motor racing driver Juan Manuel Fangio, five times world champion, who celebrated his 80th birthday leat July. With contributions from Stirling Moss, Ayrton Senna, Alein Prost and Emerson Fittipaldi. (Telestxt) (5312) 8.30 American Football. Extended highlights of the NFL divisional play-off between the Buffelo Bills and the Keness City Chiefs

35327) 10.00 Film: Stand By Me (1985) starring Wil Weaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman and Jerry O'Connell. Likesible, warm-hearted tale of four misfit boys in the late 1950s who take an overnight hike through a woods looking for the body of a dead teenager in the hope that the discovery will make them famous. Based on an autobiographical story by Stephen King and directed by Rob

Roiner (291143)

11.40 Paul Bracty — Echose and Extracts. A portrait of the influential Irish musician (814921)

12.55am Animation. Anijam and Gerbage in, Garbage Out (6015728).

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Satie (Je te veux Angela Brownbridge, pano); Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite, The Snow Maiden: Rotterdam PO arid

Choir under David Zinman.

with Roberta Alexander.

7.30 News
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Stanford (Insh Rhapsody No 5 in G minor: Uister Orchestra under Handley); Françaix (Obvertissement for oboe,

8.30 News 8.35 Music for the Serenisskna:

embers of Autos Ensemble):

Tcheikovsky (March, April, The Sessons: Lydia Arlymky, pano); German (Welsh

New series of six programmes of Venetian music at the time of Monteverdi Includes Monteverdi (Confitation tiol

Domine, Missee et Psalmi,

1649: Stuttgart Beroque Ensemble under Bernius); G.

Hogwood); Monteverdi (Salve

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laroque Ensemble unde

programmes with trumpet player Philip Jones and his

under Raymond Leppard);

kussorgsky, arr Howai

10.15 Music Weekly 11.00 From the Proms 1991.

(Pictures et an exhibition

conductor Elgar Howarth)

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Vanations on a Theme of

Serenade in D. K 250, Haffner

strikes a gastronomical note in the test of six memoirs about

reading of the "signposts" -or potential turning points - of

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Frank Bridge; Strauss's

1.05 Signposts

CHOICE Gerald Long

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made in France, where he now leves, and in Spain. It may strike you as odd that may

etfects were so long-lasting since they involved nothing more traumatic than some French potato croquettes and a dish of Spanish octopus.

Today he recalls the affair of the Turkish cos lettuce — a signpost which, when he

encountered it, appeared to

encountered it, appeared to point nowhere. Long a tales are amissing, despite the grey way in which he tells them 1.20 Your Concert Choice: Shelius (Overture in A minor: Gothenburg SO under Neema Jarvi); Haydin (Quartet in G. Op 33 No 5: Acotian Quartet); Schwiger (Pomanoe from

Op 33 No 5: Aecisan Guarret, Schubert (Romance from Rossmunde: Kathleen Ferriet sito, Bouno Watter, plano); Giére (Harp Concerto: LSO under Bonynge with Osian Elis); Strauss (Symphonic Fartissy on Die Frau ohne Schatten: Detroit SO under Antal Dicath)

Antal Dorati) Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau:

4.10 BBC Scottish SO: Jose

Together with Andres Schiff,

plano, the baritone performs Die schöne Müllerin, a cycle of 20 songs by Schubert to poems by Withelm Müller

Serebner conducts Revueltes's Redes; Serebrier

Fantasia, Turina's La Oración del Torero and Falla's Nights

in the Gardens of Spain (r)

programmes. With Vanessa Laterche, piano

conducts Walton's Overture, Scapino, and George Nicholson's Cello Concerto

noster); Ractmeninov (Fwe Movements from Vespers, Op 37: Secred Choral Concerto);

trad (Five Bridal Folk Songs);

Ensemble under James Wood)

mber Choir amd

Stravnsky (Les Noces: Veronezh Chamber Chair under Oleg Shepel; New London Chamber Choir am

12.00-12.05am News

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5.15 Opera News 6.00 Epiphany Carol Service: Live

from Trinity College, Cambridge 7.00 Chopin, Second of two

7.30 Sunday Play: Between the Acis. Virginia Woolf's novel, about a 1939 pageant (r) 8.45 88C PO: Edward Downes

10.30 Russian Rites: Stravinsky (Ave.

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Papers 7.15 On Your Farm 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 6.50 The Weak's Good Cause: Margaret

Tebbit speaks on behalf of the disabled charity ADAPT 8.55

9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair

Cooke (r)

8.30 Morning Service: Sung Parish
Eucharist from the Church of
St Martin with St Peter.

Worcester
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: A personal
review of the current crop of
magazines and periodicals,

invites guests to choose their broadcasting moments of

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2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
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Wainwright joins a party of
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with Hugh Prysor-Jones (s) 11.30 Pick of the Year: Chris Serk

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Radio Times (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News
6.15 The Village: Nigel Farrell
presents a sense on life in
Bentley (2 of 5) (r)
6.30 Best Behaviour, Nigel Ress

obset Benavour. Niger news looks at current training for shop assistants to make them more courteous at work (s) (r) 7.09 How Green is My Salad? The trials of a guilt-indden, conscous-stricken

her home in Dundea (r)

● CHOICE: So involvingly human are June Knox-May

chats with eminent musicians — tonight's is the first in her

new series — that, although the complete concertos into which they lead invariably make marveitous listening, we almost resent the fact that to

make room for the music, the talking has to stop. Itzhak

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tno) and Joplin (Magnetic Rag

Programme (r) Special Assignment: BBC correspondents report on one

reek's news (r) 9.59 Weather

Routledge reads a collection of war-time letters from Phyl Fry to her soldier husband.

Slotting in in Houghton Two vicars trade expenences of irle

Forward, John Cole and Colin

year ahead (s) 11.45 Before The Ending Of The Day

(s) (r) 12.00 News 12.20sm Weather 12.33

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10.15 A Sprinkle Of Nutmeg. Patricia

Christopher (s) (r) 11.00 Anonymous in Peckham,

and work (s) (r) 11.30 Seeds of Faith: Looking

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(1 of 6) (s) 9.00 The Natural History

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8.06 Concerto

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10.00 Beyond The Stars (1989): Christian Stater and Marran Sheen in tale about the training of astronauts (19704)
12.00 Big Man On Campus (1990): Cologo control who hand hunchback student who becomes a campus hero (42765)
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4.00 Pumping Inon (1977). Arried Schwerzenagger works out relentiessly as he pursues the Mr Olympia title (3501) ii.00 Promised A Mirrade (1980): True niony about a religious couple who refuse to cure their son with conventioned medicine (45482308) 7.40 Projector (379785) 8.00 Clasm And Sober (1988): Michael Keston as a money-grabbing drug addictioning like on the edge (56788259) 10.10 Stary Hungry (1976): Jeff Bridges in a comedy about a nch Southermar and file

unsuitable love affair (950259) 12.00 Chicago Joe And The Showgiri (1989): Securi chuns set in wertime London (725457) 1.45 Love Potion (1989): Thriller ebout a ecoming drug rainabl (375<36)
3.15 Armed Response (1985): Chinetown action in Los Angeles, with Los Van Clast and David Carradine (5582593)
4.25 Nessipalis 2 (1984): Youthful comedy set at a summer camp where an also intrudes (1110051) Ends 5.59

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 8.15em 1001 Nights (1945): Arebian adven-

tures (785105) 8.15 A Billion For Boris (1984): A group of children discover a magical TV set (892989) 10,15 The Buddy Holly Story (1978): Biopic

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8.15 R.L. Stryker — Pietes (1890): Detective tale with Burt Reynolds (1549057)
8.10 Old Gringo (1989): An American spinster (Jame Fonda) finds hersell in the midst of a Mexican revolution (45959058)
10.15 School Daze (1988): Musical comedy set in a black college in a Southern American state, directed by and starting Solice Lee With Larry Fishburne (61688230)
12.20 The Stranger (1987): Insider about enternessic woman pursued by lidlers

(176167)
1.55 Framed (1974): A men vows revenge on the corrupt cop who had him imprisoned (506505)
2.46 Partners (1982); A streight cap full of prejudice is forced to team up with a homosexual colleague in this correctly with Plyan O'Neel and John Hurt (475983). Ends 8.20

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vin 7th All Move Over, Darling (6495) 8,00 Car 54, Where Are You? (7230) 6,30 The Monkes (6582) 7,00 in Living Color (7360) 7,30 The Goodies (4765) 8,00 The Comedy Company (17476) 9,00 The Sunday Cornics (20940) 10,00 Moonlighting (30327) SKY SPORTS

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6.30em Aerobicise (79653) 7.00 Fishing The West (16872) 7.30 World Of Adventure (33143) 8.30 FA Cup Special (84143) 10.30 International One-Disy Cnotes (45563) 11.30 WWF Primetime Wrestling (95259) 1.00 Nick

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RADIO 5

12.10am News and Sport

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All times in GMT 4,30am World Business Review 4.40 Travel and Weather Nova 4.45 Review 4.40 Travel and Weather 8.00 Newsciest 6.30 Londres Matin 6.56 Weather 7.30 Europe This Weatherd 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsciest 6.30 Londres Matin 6.56 Weather 7.00 World Nova 7.03 Twenty-four Hours Ive tolkiewed by Nows Summary 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Write On . . . 8.00 World News 9.05 W revis in German 8-00 World News and Business Review 8.16 Londres Demière 8.30 Europe Toright 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.05 Folk in Britain 10.20 Mendian 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.05 World Business Review 11.15 Latter From America 11.30 The Báttle of the Bátics 12.00 Newsdesk 12.50 mm in Preise of God 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Acting Up 1.45 The Mozert Phantomenon 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Composer Of The Month Franz Lazd 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m:1089kHz/275m:FM-97 6-99 8 Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m.FM-92-4-94.6. Radio 5: 663kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m. FM 97.3 Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95 8 GLR: 1458kHz/265m; FM-94 9. Melody FM 104.9

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Election fear makes tour groups trim holiday costs

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

NERVOUS tour operators went back in again. That, are cutting the price of thoutogether with the intense competition which is still sands of summer holidays in the hope of preventing preelection paralysis from spoiling what they had hoped would be a record breaking Many top package tour op-

erators have reduced the cost of holidays by up to £20 and new price cuts are planned for next week.

Charles Newbold, manag-ing director of Thomson Holidays, said: "There is a lot of nervousness about. The economy stuck its head out of recession a little while ago, didn't like what it saw, and

Delegates halt talks

Continued from page I process. We deplore all acts of inter-communal violence in the occupied territories, but those believed to be responsible should be brought to trial in the normal way."

Adopting unusually blunt language, Richard Boucher. the State Department's spokesman, said America "strongly condemns" the Israeli move and found it almost incomprehensible that the government could have taken such a decision at such a sensitive moment.

"Israel weil understands our long-standing policy on deportations. We strongly op-pose deportations as a violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention," he said, urging the Palestinians to attend. Russia also criticised Israel.

and made clear that it was taking over the Soviet Union's role as co-sponsor of the peace process.

Talks ambushed, page 8 Leading article, page 11

going on for the International Leisure Group business, the uncertainty about the date of the general election, the general move in the market towards cheaper holidays and the battle for market share means that things are soon going to hot up."

Owners Abroad, Britain's second biggest tour operator. and Airtours, the fastest growing travel company. have cut prices already, as have Thomson.

They have taken many in the industry by surprise. When brochures were published in the autumn prices were up 5 per cent on last year despite significantly lower costs and tour operators were able to claim by the end of December that bookings were as much as double the same time last year.

The price cuts are good news for the consumer but may spell disaster for small tour operators, who could go to the wall in any price war.

Traditionally the bulk of package holidays are sold between mid-January and the end of March John Dunscombe, president of Abta. said: "We would like an uninterrupted six weeks so that we can get the bulk of the holidays booked. If the election is announced in that period, it would be dreadful for us."

But he is less pessimistic than some other operators. "Consumers are not spending money on new carpets. curtains and domestic appliances, because the housing market is at a standstill, as are car sales. So there is a lot of disposable income about, and I believe the 'to hell with it factor will come to bear over the next few weeks."

Snow report, page 30



Grounded: Russian airmen reading of riots while waiting to load their plane

Mad cow fears halt airlift

By Louise Hidalgo

ONE of the first consignments of European Community food aid to the former Soviet Union was grounded at Stansted for the second time yesterday because of Russian fears of mad cow disease. The 240-tonne cargo of British beef is now expected to leave today.

John Gummer, agriculture minister, said that the problem had arisen in part because of a previous Soviet ban on British beef due to fears of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalomyelitis. The Russians also had problems finding aircraft and ways to distribute it.

Grigory Karasin, of the Russian embassy, confirmed yesterday that the delay was due to British and EC requirements for written confirmation that the cargo would be received. He said he had since been assured that Moscow would not turn back the shipment.

The consignment is the first part of 2,200 tonnes of beef, all EC stock, bound for the former Soviet Union as part of the £175 million aid package agreed by the European Community last month. The remainder is due to leave by ship from Hull. .

The aid package is sure to stir memories of the Berlin airlift of 1948-9, but it is somewhat more modest. Between June 1948, and September 1949, 2,325,809 tons

of supplies were flown to Ber-

lin, of which 1.586,530 tons

was coal, and 538,016 tons

food. The EC aid amounts to about 15,000 tons. Far fewer cases of mad cow disease are discovered now than when it first hit the headlines in 1990. Any animal with the disease then was slaughtered immediately. There has been no known

case of human infection.

Food auction, page 1

England and south Wales. Northern areas of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be bright, turning cloudy with rain. A chance of sleet on higher ground. Southern Scotland will have

sunny periods and showers, becoming blustery with snow in

northern Scotland. Outlook: rain in the South moving northwards.

Southern and central counties of England and southern Wales



Stranded: haulier Steve Whittingham reading of Russia while waiting to unload his cargo

EC to auction food in Russia

Continued from page 1

tually guarantees their ac-ceptance. Applications us-ually take six months or more to process, but this could be speeded up. The three Baltic states, granted independence last autumn, have already Membership would give

the republics access to vast loans as well as the expertise already being offered by the IMF and World Bank. The IMF is sending teams to several of the new states to help them with economic reform. Western bankers are also negotiating with officials from the former Soviet foreign trade bank on rescheduling the old union's foreign debt, estimated at between £30 and £45 billion. Eight republics have accepted joint responsibility for the debt. and payments on the principal have been suspended for a year. A rescheduling plan was

adopted by the Group of Sev-

en leading industrial nations

in November and yesterday's

talks in Paris concentrated on

working out the details.

Moscow zeoves, page

Tbilisi mob kills rebel

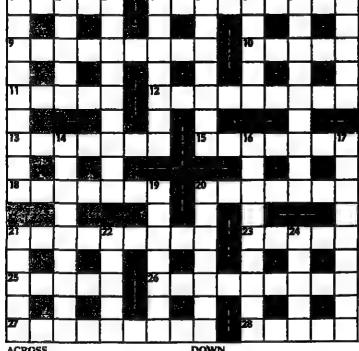
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firmed reports that three other members of the squad had been seized. As rebel commanders tried to reinforce their authority by naming a new prosecutor general and police chief, the shooting struck deep into the hearts of moderate opposition supporters who have presented their moves against Mr Gamsakhurdia as a moral crusade.

Mr Chanturia's national democratic party and several smaller centre and radical groups, said yesterday they were forming a consultative committee which would take "political responsibility" and ead the way to early elections.

Man in the news, page 9

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,806



ACROSS

I Obscure World War I soldiers

4 A club - or it could be a spade (9). 9 Like an exact copy of it. he let out

10 A rambler perhaps moved upwards

II Stuff available in any London store

12 One of 22 was carried, we hear, in an artery (5-4).

13 Scholars meeting shortly? It's in the wind (7). 15 Tree doctor has received nothing

since retiring (7). 18 Time chap wanted desperately (7).

20 A prayer paid for by the recipient

21 Rajl car - reckon it needs adapta-23 Replace French man with Welsh

25 The remains of a trophy (5).

26 Edmund's cavairy (9). 27 Hid things in different places.

showing wisdom after the event (9). 28 Song needs, say, clear backing (5)

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4 in speech, proposed law can Approaches a meeting place on Sunday (7). 6 Without a second thought, pack a

gift (5). 7 After a game, soldiers find referee at end to express regret (9). 8 Said to want work (5).

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adopt opposing views (9). 17 Be unused to being put in untidy stowage (2,2,5). 19 Attractive picture (7).

20 Smoke in bed with lady love (7). 21 Fold linen (5) 22 Instances about three points (5). 24 Bottom right — one man can be seen climbing (5).

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

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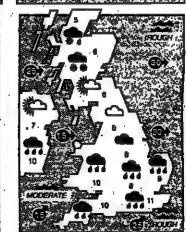
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Profile

Michael Jordan, chairman and senior partner of Cork Gully, the insolvency specialist, considers himself a cold person, though his icy reserve only serves to heighten his attraction for women. He is an ace negotiator and very good at predicting trends. Current forecasts include a Thirties-style recession for up to four years Page 19



City scribblers

City scribblers earned their name by irritating Nigel Lawson, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, with their forecasts. What do they predict for the market in 1992? Page 18

Rule changes

£36,000 tax free in the next four months. But the rules



loans, a mortgage fixed at 11.25 per cent for 20 or 25 years. This is much longer than the previous maximum. the Scarborough's ten-year scheme fixed at 10.25 per cent. The Leeds mortgage may be transferred to a new home "like a piece of fur-niture," Charles Wycks. head of lending, said. Homeowners are more pessimistic now about rates than last



Healthy units

Unit trusts that specialise in gold or Australasia had a rough ride over the past five years, but recent conditions have been just right for American health stocks, figures showPage 22

phone to their bank, paying gas bills and extending



Maxwell enquiry to be extended

BY JONATHAN PRYNIN .

THE Serious Fraud Office has announced it has extended its investigations into the collapsed Maxwell empire to a fifth area of enquiry: the removal of assets, including cash and investments from Maxwell Communication

Corporation.

The enquiry was initiated by the SFO after it received a copy of an affadavit lodged with the High Court by Price Waterhouse when it was appointed administrator to MCC last month. No further details of the missing assets are yet available.

The other four inter-related investigations cover a loan from Swiss Bank Corporation, assets missing from Mirror Group Newspapers and its pension fund, and an alleged share support operation.

in a separate development, Price Waterhouse announced yesterday that Jonathan Phillips and Colin Bird, partners in the firm, have been appointed joint administrators to Maxwell Business Communications Group, a non-trading holding casepany that was wholly owned by MCC. Price Waterhouse said the appointment would have no adverse impact on the trading subsidiaries of MCC. MBCG's subsidiaries rep-

resent about 40 per cent of, MCC's British assets. Price Waterhouse was last night expecting the New York bankruptcy court to approve a plan to co-ordinate the American and British Maxwell insolvency proceedings. The remaining directors of MCC are expected to resign it the proposal wins approval.

SATHE POLINE

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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 135.6 November (1987=100) Denotes midday trading price

ker is expected to be appointed early next week. Coming three weeks after Gummer may have had the Shandwick gave warning of answer, but he wasn't saying.

Rule changes for personal equity plans governing sin-gle company plans mean couples can invest up to

Fixed mortgage

The Leeds Permanent Building Society has launched the ultimate in fixed-rate home



Direct action While the family polished off the turkey and opened presents, some Firstdirect customers were busy on the



New year resolve

The new year is the time to make financial resolutions. But first comes a money health check to see where improvements can be made. maybe with professional

GrandMet

takes

control of

Cinzano

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GRAND Metropolitan has agreed to buy all the shares in

the Cinzano company that it does not already own. It will

acquire the 50 per cent owned by the Cinzano

Marone family and the 25 per cent held by IFINT, the

investment company of the Agnelli Group. The price was not dis-

closed, but the deal, which

means GrandMet will be-

come the owners of all

Cinzano assets including the

brands, production and inter-

national distribution, is

thought to have been worth about £50 million.

GrandMet's drinks portfolio

already has brands such as

Smirnoff vodka, J&B scotch

Cinzano, in which GrandMet acquired a 25 per

cent stake in 1985, sells more

than 3.5 million cases a year

worldwide of its vermouth

brand. The group is a major

participant in the Italian

sparkling wine market and

owns the leading Italian

brand imported into

The move strengthens the position of International Dis-tillers and Vintners, GrandMet's drinks subsid-

iary in Europe, and increases

the percentage of IDV brands

distributed through its own

Germany.

whisky and Bailey's liqueur.

No evidence of recovery, retailers report

Ratner could be forced to sell 100 shops

By Gillian Bowditch

at Goldman Sachs, says he

does not believe Ratner will

have to refinance even if it

does break a loan covenant

but he does not expect the

group to pay any dividends for some time and questions

the value of the shares in the

short term. The share price

fell 2p to 22p yesterday. Mr

programme could cost the group up to £10 million in

Ramer was not alone in

facing a difficult Christmas.

Some stores groups said they

had done better than expect-

ed, that was because expecta-

exceptional costs.

RATNER Group, Britain's biggest jeweller, may be forced to close as many as 100 stores, according to analysts, because of the effects of the recession in Ramer, the group's chairman, was in Florids, and Gary O'Brien, the imance dithe UK and America, which have hit the group particularly hard this rector, was unavailable for comment yesterday.
Paul Deacon, retail analyst Christmas,:

The City is waiting for Ratner to announce its Christmas mading figures next week, but there is specilation that they will be poor. Ramer — which includes Ernest Jones, Watches of Switzerland and H Samuel in the UK, and Sterling in America
- has been hit on both sides

of the Atlantic Ranger's difficulties have been exactioned by the fi-nancial problems of its biggest American competitor, Zale, which is facing bankruptcy proceedings and has been slashing prices. There are fears that Rainers could covenants on its loans and tions were so low. None may be forced to dispose of assets, which could include believes there is any evidence of a recovery in consumer some freehold sites and Watches of Switzerland, its up-market chain. Gerald confidence or of an imminent upturn in the economy.

Storehouse, which includes BhS, Habitat and Mothercare, reported buoyant Christmas trading. The group is 6 per cent up in the second half of its financial year compared with last time. Turnover at BhS is up substantially more than 6 per cent," a spokesman said. Blazer and Richards also had a good Christmas but Habitat and Mothercare were struggling to match last year.
"We did not have to resort

to extreme discounting as some groups did," the spokesman said, "but we don't think there is any general uplift and there is still a long way to go". Marks & Spencer was less

enthusiastic. A group state-ment said: "Retailing has come through a difficult trading period and there are no signs of any immediate ange to this pattern." Sales in December were above those in December 1990.

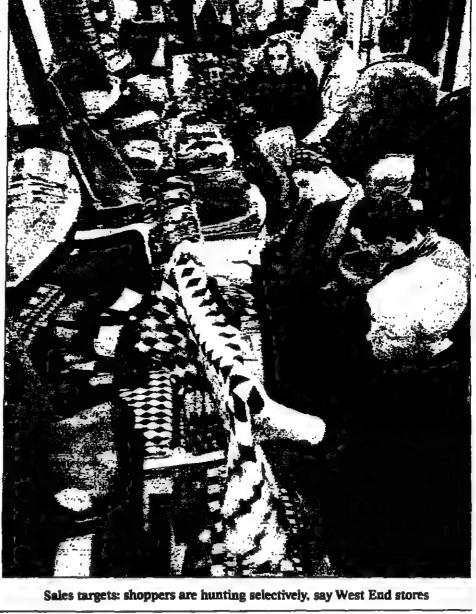
The Kinglisher group, par-ticularly Superdrug and Woolworth, is believed to have had an encouraging Christmas. It is not, however, budgeting for any upturn in the current financial year.

WH Smith said December trading started off reasonably well, sagged in the middle and ended strongly. "It wasn't a bad Christmas but it wasn't quite as good as we'd hoped," a spokesman said.

Sears, which includes Selfridges, Saxone, Dolcis and Olympus Sport, said Christmas had been better than expected but expectations had been low. Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman, said January sales had started strongly but people were shopping for specific items, so demand might be difficult to sustain.

Dixons, the electrical retailer, said it would make a statement about Christmas trading when it announced its results on Wednesday. Burton, the clothes retailing group, will inform shareholders about Christmas trading at its annual meeting on January 23.

Laura Ashley's finance di-rector, Andrew Higginson. said Christmas trading had been in line with expectations the January sale had started



Weak mark helps sterling

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE sagging mark and figures showing only modest Bank of England intervention in December enabled the pound to enhance the firmer position it established on the first trading day of the new

Sterling jumped 2 pfennigs at one point but eased back by index fell 0.2 to 91.4.

lion fall in November. The December figure included \$100 million of Saudi contributions to Britain's Gulf War costs, however, and \$335 million from overseas purchases of BT shares from cruding these factors, under- America, official figures lying reserves showed a ner fall of just \$53 million. Total reserves, the funds with which

the Bank can defend the ex-

showed factory orders up 0.6 per cent in November for the second monthly gain in a row. However, this still failed change rate, rose to \$44.13 to take demand back to the billion in December. In level seen in the summer.

companies to 95 per cent.
The deal will increase
GrandMet's position in South America where Cinzano is one of the strongest groups. Cinzano's comcovering Argentina Venezuela and Colombia, will complement Heublein do Brasil, IDV's existing company in Brazil.

GrandMet is one of tour groups that control 41 of the world's top 100 spirits brands. The company's sales of wines and spirits make it the world leader by volume.

Ex-Lloyd's man Kenneth Grob dies aged 70

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

KENNETH Grob, one of the central figures in the Lloyd's scandals of the early Eighties, has died of cancer at his Chelsea home, aged 70. Mr Grob, nicknamed the Grobfather, achieved notori-

ety in the Eighties when tens of millions of dollars of funds were found to be missing from the Alexander Howden insurance group, which he. chaired, when it was taken over in 1982,

The discovery of the losses subsequently brought to light another massive fraud, which involved \$53 million being plundered from PCW syndicates. The scandals rocked Lloyd's casting a shadow over the market from which it has spent most of the following. decade trying to escape.

Mr Grob was arrested at his villa in France in 1987. He and his co-defendant in the Howden affair, Ian Posgate, were brought to trial in London in 1989 accused of siphoning funds to private accounts through a network

of offshore companies. Mr Grob, who faced 16 charges of theft, and Mr Posgate were acquitted on all counts at the end of a 15-week mial after seven years of investigations.

However, a trade and industry department report in-to the affair, published in 1990, said Mr Grob and three senior directors of Alexander Howden had arranged the transfer of about \$41 million from Howden companies and syndicates into their personal offshore vehicles. The report, which had been submitted in 1985, claimed the transfers had been used for the directors' "own per-sonal benefit and the material overstatement of Howden profitability".

Mr Grob spent virtually all of his working life in the insurance market, except for a spell as an RAF pilot during the Second World War. A private funeral will be held in London on Tuesday.

Obituary, page 12

the London market's 5pm close to stand at DM2.8567. Although this was well over a quarter plennig higher than the previous close, it left the pound at the bottom of the exchange rate mechanism. Against the strengthening dollar, sterling shed 2 cents to \$1.8495. Its trade-weighted

The Bank of England only resorted to modest intervention last month to prop up the pound, despite the Bundesbank's aggressive tightening, Treasury figures showed. Official reserves rose an under-lying \$382 million in December, after a \$318 mil-

the government stake. Ex-

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THE INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Farewell waves from Shandwick

By Jon Ashworth

ONE of the oldest tricks in the public relations handbook requires a secretary, a flustered hand-signal and the words "he's on another line".

Peter Gummer, chairman of Shandwick, the world's: biggest public relations company, showed yesterday that he has not forgotten his training but that he needs to do a little work on his timing. At 7.30am yesterday, Shandwick announced to the world that it had severed links with Morgan Grenfell and SG Warburg Securities,

Gummer: unavailable its merchant banker and stockbroker respectively for. the past six years. Lazard Brothers takes over as mer- halve in a single day - the City reacted with predictable chant banker, and a new broalarm. What else could Shandwick have in store? Mr

her two, Antony Stoddard. Morgan Grenfell and War-burgs insisted yesterday that they had not been fired but had chosen to resign. Not so. said Mr Stoddard, the deputy chairman and group chief executive. "We had been re-viewing the question of financial advisers for some time and asked Morgan

Grenfell to step down."

years, but life changes and Shandwick is a very different company today to the one it was. We, as a PR company, gain and lose clients as much as any merchant bank." As Shandwick and its for-

gave the shove to whom, the City is more concerned with what the coming year will hold. The share price is languishing at 43p after plunging from 125p on the back of the last disastrous announcement. The number of employees worldwide has fallen from around 2,200 to 1,900. Several million pounds have been written off 'chasing potential clients". Mr Stoddard said he was

buil in lites

The first call to Mr Guntmer's office went out at 11.31 am. Flustered handsignals. "He's on another line," said his assistant. "Can he ring you back?" The second call went out 22 minutes later. More hand-signals. "He's not here at the moment." Ah, but he was on another line a little while ago. "Yes he was, but he's had to dash out." As Mr Gummer scanned the manual for more tips, the buck was passed to his num-

an expected £1 million loss for the 15 months to October and saw its share price

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mer advisers argue over who

eager to restore shareholder confidence but ruled out analysts' roadshows. "We've got the bad news behind us. I'm sure we made the right deci-The handbook sion." They did us well for six couldn't have put it better.

18 BUSINESS NEWS

Two banks launch fixed-rate mortgages

By Sara McConnell

BARCLAYS and Abbey National have launched mort-gages with rates fixed for between two and five years but both banks are charging higher rates than for previous issues because they are having to pay more for funds in

Bardays is offering fixed rate money at 10.8 per cent for two, three and five years until January 31, 1997, with an annual percentage rate of 11.6 per cent for repayment mortgages and 11.4 per cent for endowment or pension mortgages. The previous five-year fixed rate was 10.7 per cent with 10.6 per cent for three years and 10.5 per cent for two years.

There is an application fee for the new fixed rates of £150 but this is waived if borrowers take out an endowment, pension or mortgage protection policy through Barclays.

Barclays does not allocate a specific tranche of money to fund loans at a certain fixed rate like most building societies. It goes to the money markets daily and borrows what it needs until it can no longer get the rate it wants.

The Abbey National is also offering fixed rate money at 10.8 per cent (APR 12.1 per cent) for five years until April 30. 1997. Its three-year rate is 10.55 per cent. There are administration fees of £195 for five years and £135 for

LONDON Metal Exchange

warehouse stocks of alumin-

ium have risen to more than 1

million tonnes for the first

time, reflecting the delayed

Warehouse stocks have

been rising steadily since August when the stockpile was 542,525 tonnes, and is now

1,008,950 tonnes. At the end of 1990, LME warehouse

stocks of aluminium stood at

Dealers attribute the climb

in stocks to a combination of

economic recovery.

310.550 tonnes.

Aluminium stocks rise

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

Building chiefs seek help from ministers

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

A WARNING that Britain's capacity to build the homes. infrastructure and factories it needed would be damaged unless the government stepped in was issued by construction industry leaders.

In a gloomy review of the year ahead. John Smith. chairman of the Building Employers' Confederation, predicted a further decline in output. He said the slump in the housing market that began in 1988 was likely to prove the longest on record. Nor was there much hope of a pick-up in office building un-

til the middle of the decade. The severe shake-out in construction had been exacerbated by the over-capacity in commercial construction that developed in the late Eighties. In addition, housebuilding, already modest, had been squeezed by falling prices in the secondhand

market. Mr Smith forecast "a rising tide" of construction company failures, the loss of a quarter of a million jobs, decimated training programmes and a serious loss of capacity

heavy Soviet exports of the

metal last year, the reluctance

of producers to limit produc-

tion, and the slowness of the

Ord Minnett, the stockbro-

expected economic recovery.

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tion cutbacks equate to 6.2

However, these cutbacks will take time to work through

to the marketplace. The re-

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ium price recovery will be

monthly report that produc-

per cent of world output.

vened. A campaign by the industry for government measures to stimulate construction demand had brought little response from Government pressure on

building societies and housing associations to reduce the rate of home repossessions would have only a limited effect on housebuilding. There were signs, Mr

Smith said, that the government "has at last become aware that the important sector of the economy represented by the construction industry must receive attention". Government action would be needed whichever party won the general election.

Even if the economy at large picks up in the run-up to the general election, construction will inevitably lag behind," he said, "and I fear it will be 1993 before construc tion trading prospects really

Changes in local authority finance, introduced by the government in April last year, were still reducing investment

in public housing.

According to figures compiled by the confederation and the environment department, construction output in the third quarter of 1991 was a tenth lower than 12 months

The confederation expected

a further 5 per cent decline this year. Housebuilding was unlikely to recover for at least 12 months, Mr Smith said. The sharp fall in commercial output, which partic-ularly affects major national contractors, clearly indicates that over-supply and de-pressed rental demand are combining to prevent any real prospect of recovery be-fore the mid-Nineties."



FNFC writes 10% off loan book value

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

FIRST National Finance Corporation, the secondmortgage and commercial lending group, has been forced to write off 10 per cent of the value of its loan book because of the depressed property market.

A £160 million provision against losses on loan defaults plunged the group into a £33.7 million pre-tax loss (£36.4 million profit) during the year to end October, although a tax credit reduces the net loss to £21.4 million. There is no dividend for the year, against 13p.

The provisions include £40

million carried over from the previous year, making a pure loss of £120 million.

Of the total provision, about £90 million related to personal lending and £30 million to commercial loans. There is also a £10.1 million below the line charge resulting from the winding up of the property development division. Net assets per share fell from 125p to 113p. Richard Langdon, the

been satisfactory.
Mr Creswick said he regretchairman, said that although ted that Robson had forced there was no sign of a pick up the issue after initally acceptin the property market, deing the decision. The dispute has cost the group more than £10,000 in fees and costs. fault levels had shown signs of falling in the final quarter.

John BUSINESS ROUNDUP **Foster**

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auditor

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ROBSON Rhodes, the ac

countancy firm, accused John

Foster & Son, a former audit

client, of being "out of step with the needs of public

company governance" at an

acrimonious extraordinary meeting. The textile group's

shareholders voted to replace

Robson opposed motions put by directors to replace it

by Coopers & Lybrand

Deloitte. Chris Connor, man-

aging partner of the firm's Leeds office, told sharehold-

ers the issue was one "of great

principle". He said auditors reported

to shareholders, who should

have the right to appoint or

behind the Foster's egm is the

independence of the auditing profession from the manage

ment of the companies it audits," he said. "The inde-

pendence of the auditor and

the auditor's responsibility to

shareholders have been brought into focus recently by

a series of corporate catastro

holders had reappointed Robson on directors recom-

mendation, on July 16, 1991.

On August 15, the board had asked Robson to resign. He

said no proper reason was given for the decision.

Graham Creswick, who joined Foster's as finance

director last year, said the resolution to remove Robson

had been passed by a large

majority. There were 57 votes

for the motion, including

proxies and directors' shares,

The decision to appoint

new auditors had been taken

after extensive changes on

Foster's board and was part

of a three-year plan to turn

the company round and im-

prove profitability. He acsaid Robson's 1991 audit had

for every one against.

Mr Connor said the share-

the firm as auditors.

Liffe volume climbs 41% in December THE London International Financial Futures Exchange

(Liffe) had its ninth record year in a row in 1991 after a 41 per cent surge in volume in the usually quiet month of December. Liffe, which moved from the Royal Exchange building to its Cannonbridge premises above Cannon Street Station on December 16, traded 38.6 million futures and options contracts. Average daily volume reached 152,505 contracts, representing an average daily turnover of £36.3 billion and an increase of 13 per cent.

David Burton, the Liffe chairman, said the 26 per cent rise in the total options volume to 5.49 million contracts was particularly encouraging. He also drew amention to the big increases in most of Liffe's futures contracts, especially the Bund future. This Bund future traded 10.1 million contracts in 1991 to become the first Liffe contract to pass 10 million

Steetley defence soon

STEETLEY'S first defence document in answer to Redland's hostile all-paper takeover bid is expected shortly, possibly for publication in the Sunday newspapers. On December 10, Redland offered an 85-for-100 share bid. alternatively £261.40 cash and 21.25 Redland shares for every 100 Steerley shares. The latter values Steetley at £592 million. Steetley has rejected the offer as "wholly inade-quate". While Redland's bid is on the table. Steetley will continue to adjourn an egm called to secure shareholders backing for a proposed joint venture with Tarmac.

ECGD chief named

BRITAIN has appointed Brian Willott, a civil servant, to head its loss-making Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), the official export credit insurer. Mr Willott, aged 51, moves from the Department of Trade and Industry, where he was head of the financial services division. He replaces Malcolm Stevens, who resigned to become chief executive of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr Willott began his career at the Board of Trade in 1967 and has worked at the Department of Industry. which merged with the Board of Trade.

Pittencrief broadside

PITTENCRIEF has written to shareholders in AmBrit International, urging them to take the chance to "escape from a decining investment". Terry Heneaghan, Pittencrieff's chief executive, said that Pittencrieff's offer was the only one on the table since the unnamed third party failed last week to make a recommended offer. He said: "AmBrit's white knight has gone away." Mr Heneaghan added: "AmBrit's operating and administrative costs are excessive in relation to its gross profits and dividend prospects are remote."

Storehouse sells

STOREHOUSE, the London retailer, said in a statement yesterday that it had agreed to sell its store in Dublin's O'Conneil Street to Primark Corporation for an unspecified amount. Storehouse said that Primark, which trades as Pennys in Ireland, had undertaken to retain the existing 150 non-restaurant workers. Primark will purchase BhS (Dublin) Lad and its subsidiary company, Prova Investments (Ireland) Ltd. The two companies had combined net liabilities of Ir£600,000 (£560,000) at the time of the sale

MARKETS IN 1992: ANALYSTS PREDICT YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND CUT

Scribblers draw brighter year-end picture

Philip Pangalos finds the often derided

City experts older, wiser, but still

unhappy about this year's share prospects

NOT many parliaments ago. a former Chancellor unwisely challenged the City's "teenage scribblers" on the reli-ability of their forecasts. Fate being what it is, neither that Chancellor nor his political team are still at the Treasury - though one has moved on to higher things. But the much-derided scribblers are still there, older, wiser and still unhappy.

Their consensus for 1992 is chilling for a government seeking re-election—this year, they say, is the year of the dividend cut. With the FT-SE up about 17.1 per cent last year, securities houses forecast an end-1992 FT-SE 100 index anywhere between 2,700 from the bears and 3,200 from the buils.

Bob Semple, head of research at County NatWest, expects the FT-SE 100 index to finish the year around the 3.000 level. A Labour election victory would trim about 200 or 300 points off Mr Semple's forecast. He says cyclical sectors, such as contracting and con-struction, are likely to show a recovery in the second half.

Among County NatWest's "County 30" best buy recommendations, are Allied Lyons. BAA, AB Ports, Tiphook. Standard Chartered and J Sainsbury. County's main criteria are either very defensive, seeking good earnings and cash flow, or companies that are at the front end of the recovery cycle, strongly positioned in their respective markets. Among the second liners, County is particularly keen on Greene King, Booker, Calor, Hambros and Owners

Abroad. Roger Palmer, chief investment strategist at Kleinwort Benson, said his se-curities house is "slightly more positive than most people". Kleinwort's FT-SE target for next year is 3,150, based on the assumption of a narrow majority for the Tories. Mr Palmer said UK earnings forecasts are the strongest for any leading country, despite very sluggish economic growth forecasts.

He added: "February and March could still be a rough time for the UK market: but the danger is people are going to be too pessimistic and miss the boat."

Kicinwort Benson recommends "earnings-certain" stocks that have po-tential for a good pick up in the second half of the year. Of these, Kleinwort likes Grand Metropolitan, which it says is well supported, Inchcape, despite a "remarkably good year" in 1991, Argos and the Body Shop. It adds that Thames Water could enjoy a good bounce in the second half, while Courtaulds, which is expected to gear up when the economy starts moving, is seen as a good defen-

Peter Thorne, equity strategist at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, foreassuming a Conservative victory. Mr Thorne's winning sectors include defensive areas, with utilities, pharmaceuticals and telecommunications the favourites. Banks are also expected to show good earnings growth, albeit from a very poor base.

Michael Hughes, chief investment strategist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. expects the FT-SE 100 index to advance to about 2,900 by year-end. He said: "We think the gloom is overdone, and we think an economic recovery is materialising." BZW is particularly keen on stocks at the lighter end or with a North American exposure. Favourites include Reed International, TI Group. Reuters and Burton.

mura, said: "We're fairly cautious. We have been for some time." He expects a "very flat" year. "People looking for about 3.000 [for the FT-SE] are in cloud cuckoo land." He said the cyclical earnings recovery is likely to be delayed. knocking the outlook on corporate earn-ings. This is coupled with interest rate caution, more negative global influ-ences and weakness in the Japanese

Mr Knight added: "Cash is king; for the time being at least." although he noted there would be opportunities to buy at lower levels. "You have to be very cautious. I don't think anyone is going to rush to play that cyclical game, given what happened last year."



Nick Knight, market strategist at No-





Split screen: Michael Lever, of Smith New Court, expects "a tale of two halves" in the banking sector, with the first half the most difficult

Others expected to fare well are Kingfisher. Next and Storehouse, which are perceived as good recovery plays.

On the downside, Mr Bubb is still a seller of Burton, where shareholders who subscribed to the group's £161 million rights issue, at 30p per share, could be feeling a little nervous if the shares fail to perform. He is also a seller of Ratners, the high street jeweller that has recenlty seen its share price col-lapse. Mr Bubb's overall view of the sector is "no better than neutral on a three-month view, but positive for the

Sandy Morris, engineering analyst at County NatWest, expects the metals sector to remain in the doldrums as

lyst at Nikko, says companies with a high exposure to the pharmaceuticals sector remain attractive, despite some of the high ratings. Mr Porter likes SmithKline Beecham, despite its consumer exposure, and Glaxo, despite its high rating, where a "sparkling" re-search and development programme is expected to help. Fisons has lost investor confidence, he adds.

Water companies have enjoyed a rela-tively buoyant 1991, their first full year in the private sector. Lakis Athanasiou, leading water analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said although the sector will continue to be driven by politics, regulation and the economy. it is set for dividend and earnings growth ahead of the mar-

However, an increasing number of electricity analysts fear industrial prices "could well cause a stink". In the construction, building and

property sectors most experts forsee dividend cuts, further writedowns on land and a bout of consolidation and rationalisation across the board. In addition, the banks are likely to take a more agressive stance and the Channel tunnel is expected "to rear its ugly head

Robert Donald, building, construction and contracting analyst at County NatWest, said: 'The certainty of 1992 is that there will be more uncertainty." Next year is seen as the earliest time for recovery for private housebuilding, if

The forecasters: (from left) Roger Palmer, Kleinwort; Nick Bubb. Morgan Stanley; Bob Semple, County; Andrew Porter and Peter Thome, Nikko

There is also a greater expectation that Britain will shift to watching markets in the rest of Europe more closely

rather than America. In the retail sector, Nick Bubb, at Morgan Stanley, says confidence could crack in January, as retailers report on Christmas trading. "We could get a slightly rocky period in January, but there could be a spring rally, anticipat-

ing a recovery." Mr Bubb forecasts that Dixons. his stock for last year, will be the best performing stock in the sector this year.

"Motors could be the source of some real upsets if European markets weaken pefore a United Kingdom recovery.

Then it is likely there will be very large falls in profits and cuts in dividends. He believes engineering could fare relatively well, adding: "It could emerge looking quite smart." The aerospace sector is also expected to do relatively well, despite the prospect of more cancellations by airlines and more orders

being deferred. Andrew Porter, pharmaceuticals anaket. However, continued volatility is predicted during the run up to the elec-tion. He said: "Politics is the driver

Political sentiment will also play a key role in the performance of the electricity companies. A volatile first half is expected, but if the Tories are re-elected, the electricity companies could well outperform a rising market. Simon Williams. at Kleinwort Benson, says the regulators may ask for sensible price increases in April, and may see informal concessions from the electricity companies.

the Conservatives win, with a much later recovery predicted if Labour is

There is little hope of short-term cheer for the property sector. Most analysts agree that without real economic growth feeding through to create occupier demand or significant reductions in long-term interest rates, another tough year lies ahead for the sector. The likelihood is that the coming year will see a lot more writedowns and

With a continued sluggish outlook

predicted for the UK economy, bad debt provisions by the clearing banks are expected to remain high in the first half.

Michael Lever, banking analyst at Smith New Court, said: "Record operating profits will be largely, or wholly, eaten up by bad debts. 1992 will be possibly a tale of two halves, with the sector finding it hard to hold up in the first half. The risk is that provisions will remain high for longer than anticipated, with the probability of continued bad debts and a housing market that is likely to remain depressed for quite

The composite insurance sector is seen as "ripe for corporate activity in 1992", according to Roger Harvey at Kleinwort, despite an expectation of further substantial losses and dividend cuts for the less fortunate. The sector has drifted from overcapacity in the Eighties to undercapacity, so rights issues or fund raising of some sort will not

Philip Morrish, chemicals analyst a Smith New Court, said: "At the end of the day you're looking at investing in companies with cash in the balance sheet, because that's where your dividend is safe."

Graeme Eadie, at County, says of the brewers: "The longer it takes for the recovery to materialise, the more the defensive qualities of the sector will hold up. Once the recovery looks like it is starting people will take money out of defensive stocks."

This is expected to hit the domestic brewers, who are still in the midst of restructuring, with the internationals favoured. Dividends will be a strong feature of the sector.

If investors want safety they should look at companies with intrinsic earnings growth, strong balance sheets and high quality managements — if that is not asking too much.

BUSINESS PROFILE: Michael Jordan

Prophet with the Genghis Khan spirit

The senior partner of Cork Gully tells Carol Leonard that the country has entered a Thirties-style depression

man and senior partner of Cork Gully, the biggest firm of insolvency accountants in Britain, is depressed.

He believes that the country has just entered a Thirties-style depression, that will last for three or four years and that corporate insolvencies this year will outstrip the record 60,000 set last year.

Jordan, aged 60 and generally accepted to be the doyen of the insolvency profession, is contempmous of economists who claim that a surge in corporate insolvencies is to be expected at the start of a recovery, and dismissive of any reminder that insolvency statistics are traditionally a lag-

ging economic indicator.

He says: "Nothing is ever a direct correlation and you have to bear in mind that this time we have the backing of North Sea oil revenue to support the social sertifie profession have turned out vices, but I think we are now in a be right, fime and time again." depression of 1930s proportions." As evidence, he cites the five eco- tamey profession in particular,

nomic cycles that are all "converg-; ing at their low point between 1990 and 1993", and points out that this reces sion has affected. the entire business spectrum.
This time round the middle classes have been hit. as well as shop-

have either lost their job, or there is a likelihood that it could be in jeopardy, and so you are not going to be able to get out of this recession on the back of the middle classes,"

For a man who describes his political standpoint as "sometimes." slightly to the right of Genghis Khan", Jordan is worried about the political consequences. Events now have control of thisgovernment and not the other way round. I don't see how they can dictate a policy which will enable them to have a clear run at an election: Politicians have lost their authority." The government will, pendinne "massively", since gov no, it is not really my scene," he ernment income will fall. He pre-says, "Everyone is on first name

ichael Jordan, chair- dicts that the dollar will weaken markedly during 1992, that the stock market in America will fall and that even the professions will be forced to reduce their overheads, making staff redundant or employing them on a freelance basis. "What has caught people out-time is fixed overheads," he says. The great art is to turn fixed overheads into variable and it is perfectly possible for professionals to network from home, working when needed and be responsible for their own pension and office costs. Professional costs have be-

> they stick out like a sore thumb." His predictions should not be dismissed lightly. John White, a partner of Cameron Markby Hewitt, the law firm, and a friend for 20. years, says: "On past performance, I'm airaid there is a very good chance that he could be right. His views on things close to the profession have turned out to Speaking about the accoun-

come excessive and in a recession

jordan believes that the fashion for creating 'I'm not going multi-disciplinary practices is over and that to have some squirt coming we could now see some big firms splitting up into into my office and calling parts. It is a subject close to his heart. One of his me Michael'

floor workers and he says, marging it is traditionally the middle classes who have the Coopers & Lybrand, Deloste in spending power, he says. They 1980, "I made a big mistake. Sir Kenneth Cork was against it. He said 'If I-were you I wouldn't do it', but I was forced into it because of our name. Clients didn't want us doing their investigative work be-cause they didn't want their credi-tors to know that they had Cork Gully in there. We had to get under the unbrella of a major firm. We now use the name Coopers for all investigative work."

Coopers other partners will not

be 100 surprised to learn of Jordan's big regret. Although he one: say on its executive commilitie he has never been a Coopers man. It is a vast organisation; run like the civil service and



. Cool, calm and collected: Dorothea and Michael Jordan treat themselves to vintage champagne in the evening

terms and I'm not a great believer in that. I think you should have a bit of respect, particularly for your elders, and I'm not going to have some squirt coming into my office and calling me Michael."

- He has ignored the Coopers

retirement age of 60 and intends to carry on for another two or three years: "I should think this recession will see me out." He turns a deaf ear to suggestions from fellow partners that he ought to at least hang curtains in his office. "I can't be bothered. I come here to work. I have never been terribly interested in palatial offices. Most pro-fessional offices nowadays look like hotel suites, like the Hilton hotel, and I think it's all a nonsense." He casts an appre-ciative eye at the venetian blinds, at the walls, devoid of adornment save for one chart, and at his desk. without one family photograph.

He is a tall, handsome man,

with an almost permanent, sardonic smile, legendary within the City for his attractiveness to women, and always impeccably dressed. That attractiveness is heightened by his cool, almost icv reserve, which increases the thrill of the imaginary chase.

Once a regular at Annabel's, the Berkeley Square nightchub, his close friends say he has not been there for at least five years. Ask him what his indulgences are now and he replies a glass of vintage champagne with Dorothea, his wife when he returns home in the wife, when he returns home in the evening, and the occasional small tin of caviar.

That icv reserve can, however, have the opposite effect on men. distance and that makes some men feel uneasy," John White says. Perhaps with good cause. "He is an ace negotiator, an awesome adversary—he would be

a brilliant poker player. I have seen him in positions where he has no bargaining power whatsoever and yet he comes away with a deal. He is completely impassive unless it is necessary, to achieve the end he is seeking, to put on a show of temper. He is always in control."

Jordan would not disagree. "No. I never lose my temper. I might feel it but I don't show it. I like to think I can control myself. I think basically it's because I'm a loner. I don't think I'm inherently a loner. When I was at school I was a team player, but this job has changed me. It's a very lonely job and I've been doing it for 29 years." Born in Derbyshire, the youn-

gest of five children, he was sent to boarding school at the age of six, a prep school and then Haileybury. His father, Charles, a builders' merchant, was in his late fifties when Jordan was born, and more than 20 years older than Jordan's

mother. He blames the public school system and the age gap for the fact that he never really got to know his father. He was no closer to his mother, Florence, who, he says, spent the entire day playing bridge. Home was a large house with two maids, two gardeners and a nanny. Little has changed. Although Jordan lives in a flat on the Hyde Park estate midweek, his real home is a farmhouse in South Buckinghamshire, staffed with a housekeeper and a gardener. The barns house his Bentley Turbo R and his do-it-yourself workshops, which is where he unwinds. "I'm an amateur builder. I build walls

or knock them down. At the moment, I'm re-wiring." He does not use the Bentley for work. Midweek, he travels in a chauffeur-driven company Volvo. "My predecessor used to turn up at the factory gates in a Rolls-

When it comes to right and wrong, to ethics and to principles, Jordan is nothing short of ruthless in his adherence. He is hard on those he deems to have transgressed them, but harder still on himself. Divorced in 1989 from Brenda, his first wife, he admits that the experience has made him bitter. He blames the lawyers for the acrimony caused: "It was all so unnecessary, lawyer-driven, and I felt very bitter. The lies that were told, the way they engineered things it was all so unprofessional."

He now refuses to speak to John Cama, senior partner of Cameron Markby, and once a friend, because it was he who recommended a firm of lawyers for his first wife. He feels he has been wronged.

e also has no contact with his children Fiona, aged 30, and Mark, 32. "They were sitting on the fence and I told them they had to decide one way or the other and we decided to part company. I wrote them letters to explain the position, but I suppose it is only natural for children to feel closer to their mother. Yes, I did feel upset." He speaks in the past tense. I ask if he had sent Christmas cards, "Certainly not," he replies. He remarried in February 1990, a Belgian widow,

The effect of the divorce has dearly been more profound than he will admit. He is desperate not to appear emotional and his friends say he would never make the first move in any relationship, When Jordan is eventually reconciled with his children it will be at their instigation, even though

he is desperately desirous of it.

I ask him if he is a warm person.

"I think the answer to that has to be no. My mother wasn't a warm person. She was fairly cold, difficult to get close to and perhaps I have inherited that from her."

After 20 years of friendship, he still greets White with a formal handshake. "He is the last person you would describe as hail fellow, well met," says White. "He will shake my hand, but it won't be a double hand shake, nor will there be a hand on the shoulder."

Jordan, monvated perhaps by a profound feeling of rejection by his more immediate family, and in search of a substitute, says that he has bought his own burial plot, adjacent to his family vault in Derbyshire. "If there is one thing I want to do in my life, I want to be buried next to my parents." I suggest that this is strange, given that he was close to neither. "Yes,"

WEEK ENDING Matthew Bond

Excuse me, sir, does this economy belong to you?

It was every driver's new year nightmare. A quick glance in the remyiew mirror gave the first warning of danger, the repeated flashing of headlights.

In less time than it takes to mouth the word "idiot"; the second and third signs followed — the familiar, but still heart-stopping, blue lights and two quick bursts on the

"Pull over, pull over," came the superfluous amplified command. The crunch of tyres on roadside gravel was ollowed by the crunch of size eleven boots upon the same. Crunch, crunch, crunch. A navy blue shadow cleared its throat. "Good evening, sir. Would you mind

just stepping outside, Mr, "Lamont, officer, Norman Lamont, Actually I'm the Chancellor of the

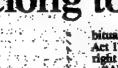
Of course you are sir. How silly of me not to recognise you. It was just I was expecting to find a Mr S Moss at the wheel given the speed you were travelling. In a bit of a hurry are we Stirling? Or should that be Ster-

ling, eh. Mr Lamont?"
"Well there is a certain urgency officer. You see there's this election coming up. Not that I'd ever do anything dangerous of course. And speeding, that's quite out of the question. I've been fitted with a Governor, who - I mean which - prevents any knee jerk dab at the

"Spare me the excuses, sir. We've heard them all before. Now is this your own economy that you're driving?".

"Not exactly, I suppose it's. sort of borrowed. Technically, of course, it belongs to the British people. "I see, sir. So this economy

that you've sort of borrowed - bit of a heap isn't it?" "Certainly not. It may have seen better days, officer, but there's nothing that a wipe with a damp rag won't put right. Under the bonnet it is in superb condition. Only



Act 1950. Hardly setting the right sort of example."

"Absolute phooey, if I might say so officer."
"You might say it, sir, but you may regret it. I do hope that's not brandy I can smell on your breath. Drunk in

She's not ready to be written

bucky to miss her. I'd call that

driving an economy without

sis because there was no

something ... or should that be declutched? Now I really

all, your boss just gave a knighthood to that Alistan

Grant, a well-known and ha- ing me a push? Please?

inal to me."

due care and attention."

off yet, you know.

stopped you, sir."

charge of an economy is a very serious offence." Well, I may have had just a little something to keep out the economic, er, I mean winter, chill. But really nothing to speak of."

"Now sir, it's really no good trying any of your blue-eyed optimism with me. Personally, I find it grotesque. And I'll pretend I didn't see that foods and way inch that fool's gold you just waved under my nose. As for that Zantac prescription, I'd save that for the judge. Now,take a deep breath and

Funny that, sir, I'd swear I heard a misfire a few miles The longest half minute of back and I never trust a mar-Mr Lamont's life began with ket moving at that speed. I'll get our lads from micro-ecothe events of a lifetime pass-ing before him. Whole eco-nomic cycles flashed before nomics to check it out. But his eyes, in a kaleidoscope spiral of boom and recession recession and boom, recession and recess... No that last one couldn't be right. "It was not, sir. Didn't you see that little old sterling crisis back there. You were very

"Keep blowing sir," came the gruff official reminder. Thank you. Now, if you wouldn't mind just waiting a "Really officer. That's popfew moments for the result." pycock. I saw no sterling criwait that seemed as in-A terminable as this re-cession, was ended by a sterling crisis. If there had, been, I'd have taken the appropriate avoiding action. I'd muffled curse, "Well you're a lucky man, Mr Lamont. Two have double devalued or

lights, but not the third. I call

that a very close shave. Now,

on your way and no more to

must get on and you, officer, ought to get on with chasing drink until you've got that some real criminals. Why economy back to its rightful don't you go and investigate owners and in one piece." With a triumphant smile, the Chancellor slid in behind those Russians who have just put up all their prices by 200 the wheel Ahead of him lay per cent? Sounds pretty crimthe open road to recovery. He "Must be about to privatiturned the key. Once. Twice. se something, eh, sir. Don't mind my little joke do you? Three times. The starter mofor moaned in protest. "Blast As for villains, your lot - that this British economy. Give is assuming you are who you me Japanese reliability any say you are — wouldn't know one if they fell over him. After day." Reluctantly, he wound down the window. "Officer, I

seem to be in need of assis-

tance. Would you mind giv

US chaffs as wheat prices take off

By GEORGE SIVELL

ANYTHING Russia can do, America can do better, or so it seemed in the days of the cold war. Now, as Russia embarks on its first steps toward market reform, there are signs that some things will never

Cold and hungry Russians queuing for food will find crumbs of comfort in news rom St Louis, Missouri. headquarters of Continental Baking, America's largest wholesale baker.

Continental has added beween five and ten cents to the price of a loaf. Hardly as devastating as the tripling of prices in Moscow but, paradoxically, the American rises have provoked just as much public debate. Katharina Zimmer, a grain analyst at Merrill Lynch, told the Associated Press news agency: "It's scandalous, It's irresponsible and needless. Someone is not doing his job and we're paying for it." She said higher wheat prices were not unexpected and bakers and millers had time to buy all the wheat they needed at low to turn around and charge higher prices is just disgust-

The Americans blame the price rises on Russia. Because of American plans to raise wheat exports to Russia, the price of wheat in America has risen by half during the past six months. Bad weather has exacerbated the rise.

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Ironically, the bread price rises in both America and the Soviet republics come just as America is again being criticised by the Australians for its \$4.2 billion export enhancement programme. That has supported exports of agricultural products, chiefly wheat, since 1985, when it was devised to lower American farm prices. America says the programme counters alleged unfair practices, notably European Community export

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Food groups step up price war

STOCK MARKET

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WITH the new year only a few days old. Britain's high street food retailers are stepping up the price war that has already been raging for the

better part of a year. J Sainsbury shook its rivals by announcing plans to cut the prices of its basic food products by as much as one third in an effort to increase market share. Details of the price cuts will be announced tomorrow and will apply from Monday in its 310 stores and

its nine Savacentres. Sainsbury said that this latest round of price cuts will go deeper than previous reductions and it is in addition to the usual discounts it offers on a list of 1,000 lines every week. Sainsbury currently offers about 17,000 different lines. This latest move is certain to provoke retaliation by

the other big food retailers.
Investors had been switching from Sainsbury to its rival. Tesco, 7p lower at 235p, this week. Tesco estimates that it may have increased its market share by as much as half of one percentage point in the weeks before Christmas when both companies opened

on Sunday. The ferocity of the food price war has shocked the City and meant that the sector has been ignored by many investors. It began last year when Aldi and Netto, the German food retailers, began expanding in this country and it was exacerbated by the decision of Gateway to open a number of discount stores. All the big players have raised large sums of money, hoping to increase their market share at the expense of troubled

Asda, down 1p at 32p.

right winner emerging at present and a round of profit downgradings are likely to follow as margins come under further pressure. For once, it looks like the only winner will be the consumer. The news from Sainsbury left its shares 14p lower at

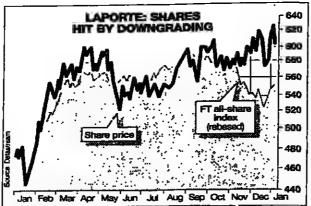
359p, while Argyll shed 8p to

But there were rises for Iceland, 7p better at 421p. Kwik Save, 4p to 598p. William Low, Sp to 254p, and William Morrison, 3p to 260p. There were also losses among the food manufacturers, which are coming under pressure because of the price war among the retailers. There were losses for Associated British Foods, 8p to 467p. Booker, 4p to 434p. Northern Foods, 6p to 568p. and Ranks Hovis McDou-

gail, 2p to 250p. The rest of the equity mar-ket spent another volatile day.

Woolworth, B&Q and Comet retailer, fell 9p to 464p as Kleinwort Benson made its second downgrading in as many months. Kleinwort has reduced its pre-tax profit forecasts by £7 million to £206 million for the year to end-January and by £20 million to £240

dipping below 2,500 at one stage, before recovering on the back of an opening rise on Wall Street to finish 11.3 points higher at 2,504.1. The cash market once again mirrored the futures market where the premium on the March series continued to grow. By the close, a total of 452 million shares had been



some of the other chemical

companies. There were falls

for Croda International, 4p

to 147p, Evode, 12p to 632p, and Hickson Interna-

ICI, which jumped 74p on

tional, 5p to 170p.

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shares down 15p to 291 p. with nearly 4.5 million

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Courtaulds which climbed a

further 11p to 516p, a rise on

First National Finance

rose 7p to 37p in response to

the news that the group

the week of 49p.

British Aerospace as an easy

traded. But the bulk of this was believed to have been between the market-makers themselves as they struggled to square-up their positions.

Government securities continued to make headway, scoring gains of E4 at the longer end, drawing inspiration from the pound's renewed strength against its main rivals and as fears of another rise in interest rates Laporte, the chemicals

group, which has become a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index, tumbled 17p to 608p after a savage downgrading by James Capel, the broker. Analyst David Ingles says he was at the top end of expectations and he has cut his earnings estimate for the year just ended by 6 per cent 41.4p. He has reduced his forecast for the current year by 10 per cent to 45p. Mr Ingles says:
"Not surprisingly, Laporte, like many other companies, has not had an inspiring end to 1991. There are no signs that things are getting bet-

ter." The situation at Laporte

with losses totalling £33.7 million, against a profit in the previous year of £36.38 million. The consumer and property finance group blamed the high number of defaults by domestic and commercial clients following the collapse in the property market. The group is confident of a Grand Metropolitan rose

9p to 897p after announcing plans to acquire the remaining 75 per cent it does not already own in Cinzano, the Italian drinks company. The purchase price was not disclosed but City analysts estimate a figure of about £50 The rest of the drinks sector

sported some healthy gains, having been left behind in the run-up to Christmas by the rest of the market. Allied-Tuesday, attracted selective support. The price finished 5p better at £11.93, just 1p Lyons rose 14p to 632p, Bass 19p to £10.06, Devenish 3p to 204p, Greenalls 3p to 379p, Greene, King 2p to 439p, Scottish & Newcastle 3p to 416p, Vaux Group 2p to 213p, Whitbread A 15p to 449p. Wolverhampton &

Dudley 4p to 557p and Guinness 22p to 541p. Wellcome spent a nervous day, losing 34p at £10.91. after the group played down expectations about the efficacy of the cocktail of drugs being tested on Aids sufferers. There had been claims by scientists that the cocktail sharply reduced the number of fatalities. But Wellcome says the tests were halted because they had proved to be

WH Smith A fell 7p to 447p as Kleinwort Benson decided to reduce its forecast of pre-tax profits. It has reduced this year's estimate by £8 million to £107 million and for next time around by £8 million to £120 million. Kleinwort remains a seller of the shares.

failure.

Ratners was another nervous market, easing 2p to 22p — just 2 ½p above its low. The group is expected to give some indication next week about trading in the run-up to Christmas. Yesterday's fall was prompted by reports that James Capel had increased its pre-tax loss forecast for the current year to £35 million.

WORLD MARKETS

HK rises to yet another record

Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index finished at a record 4,307.13 — the fourth consecutive closing record on expectations of a cut in the local prime rate, which, in the event, did not occur. The Hang Seng advanced 5.35 points from Thursday's close, while the broader-based Hong Kong index was up 3.33 points to 2,813.10.

Brokers said that demand was centred on selected blue chips in the property and banking sectors in thin vol-ume of HK\$966 million (£66 million), against Thursday's HK\$1 billion,

The prime rate, 8.5 per cent, was expected to be cut a half point at a meeting of the Hong Kong Association of Banks after the market closed. However, the banks decided to leave the rate unchanged.

The most actively traded were Cheung Kong, un-changed at HK\$19.80, HSBC Holdings, up 25 cents at HK\$36 and China Light. up 30 cents at HK\$23.50.

☐ Sydney — Share prices closed sharply higher in a day of largely futures-driven trading but again in thin vol-The all-ordinaries index finished 12 points higher at 1,659.9.

THE SUNDAY TIMES Wall St dash

Wall Street has reached new highs every day this week. Investors believe that 31/2% interest rates and President Bush's need to set the economy going in election year

will bring the recession to an end. But there is an alternative view Business - The Sunday

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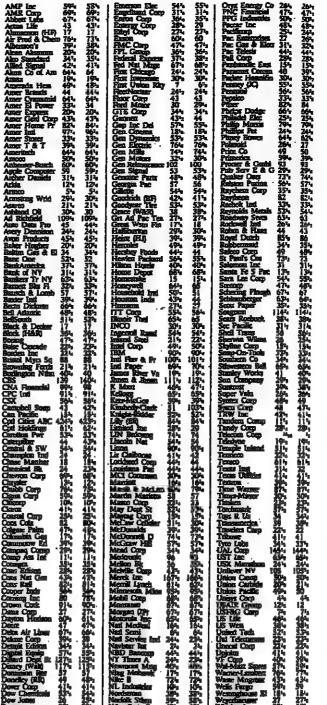
New York - Shares soared in morning trading after opening lower as both profit taking and bargain hunting affected the market. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7.59 to 3,180 after recovering from a low of 3,166. Advancing issues outnumbered falls by seven to five.

Analysts said the market,

which on Thursday saw the

first signs of consolidation after its December rally, was not yet ready to reverse direc-

☐ Singapore — Many blue-chip shares closed higher on late bargain-hunting. The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,480.89, up 1.54 points from Thursday's finish and up 8.02 from an hour



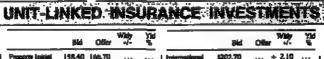
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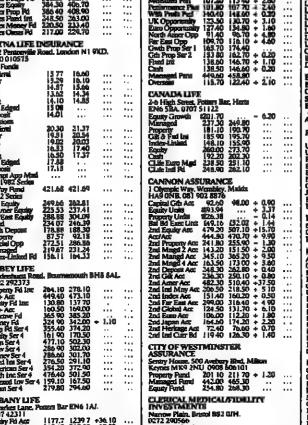
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WEEKEND MONEY

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The new year is now four days old and probably only the most dedicated have kept New Year's resolutions conscientiously made on January 1. But one resolution worth keeping is to check the charges on different bank and building society current accounts. Consumers this week received a salutary reminder, if they needed salutary reminder, if they needed it, that walking into the nearest high street bank and opening an account could be costly, particularly for those who regularly overdraw.

A report in the Consumers Association magazine, Which?, awarded one of its Bad Buy 1991 awards to the National Westminster bank current and CurrentPlus accounts. These accounts had the most expensive unauthorised overdrafts of any bank looked at for the magazine's report on banks in October 1991 and are still the most expensive.

The combined cost of an unauthorised overdraft of £500 on either of these accounts for just one week, a bounced cheque and

Bank charges out in the open

receiving a warning letter would come to just under £100. Which? quoted a figure of £84.19 in October but the charges went up on December 9. The bank now charges £27.50 for every cheque it bounces. A further £20 is charged for sending a letter warning the for sending a letter warning the customer that he or she has run up an overdraft without permission. an overdraft without permission. There is a £16 quarterly charge on the current account and a £20 charge on CurrentPhis if people are overdrawn at any time during the charging period, and, on top of this, a penalty fee of £30 a quarter for overdrafts of more than £50. One small concession is that overdrafts of less than £50. that overdrafts of less than £50, which could be due to a customer miscalculating how much there was in the account, do not attract

an administration fee. NatWest justifies these high charges by saying that unauthorised overdrafts make



COMMENT

SARA McCONNELL PERSONAL FINANCE WRITER

extra work for administrators and

The charges should also act as a deterrent to people overdrawing without permission. NatWest says. This last should be true for any customer who takes the time to read the tariffs which banks are finally starting to send out with bank statements. But many banks operate what appear to be deliberately complex charging structures so customers have to add up all the relevant figures from the different sections of the tariff sheet. They also need to read each tariff sheet carefully, as every

time one arrives with a bank statement, it is likely to herald a rise in charges. Lloyds and Bardays, as well as NatWest, have raised rates recently.

NatWest may charge more than any other high street bank for unauthorised overdrafts but it serves as an extreme example of the way charges can mount up, particularly for overdrafts. All high street banks charge for bouncing cheques and most charge for writing letters.

Overdraft fees are the rule rather than the exception, whether the overdraft is authorised or not.

Under the Banking Code, to be implemented this spring, banks will have to send out details of their charges for basic services to customers if they do not do so already. They will also have to tell customers of other charges at the time services are offered.

The code will not stop banks charging what they want but there should no longer be any excuse for ignorance of charges among customers. It is up to customers to exercise their night to choose a bank with a charging structure they can live with.

Pep puzzles

From this week, investors will be able to put up to £3,000 into a personal equity plan (Pep) investing in the shares of a single company. At the same time, up to £6.000 can be invested in a

standard Pep holding shares of several companies, either directly or through a unit trust. The attraction of Peps is that all income and capital growth is free of tax, but in return, investors have up unit now been allowed to hald only one standard plan a hold only one standard plan a year. They have not been allowed to have more than one plan even if their total investment did not

exceed the £6,000 limit.
These rules have already confused many who have lost their tax fused many who have lost their tax break because they broke the rules, mostly innocently. Single-company Peps are likely to confuse still further. After having been told that they can hold only one plan, people can now have two but not of the same sort. They can in theory invest up to £9,000 in a single company, if they put £6,000 into a standard Pep structured to allow investment in the shares of only one company and £3,000 only one company and £3,000 into a single-company plan. Add this to the complex rules for Pep investment in a unit or investment trust, and confusion is almost

'Be wary of companies you have not heard of making offers that seem too good to be true. Stick to the tried and tested quality names'

New year brings resolve to seek value for money

THE new year is an ideal time to make some financial resolutions. Before deciding on the changes, however, a check should be made of the current silication. The first step is to make sure that all existing financial arrangements are giving value for money.

This can prove difficult and time-consuming. People who cannot face the analysis might be better off making an appointment with an independent financial adviser, who will check existing investments and in-

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SEVENTY per cent of adults children. If there are no child-

ing to the Law Society which said: "Your wishes may have your family unprovided for if you die without leaving a

In some circumstances, it could even mean the matrimonial home does not pass to the spouse. If someone dies intestate, the first £75,000 of the estate goes to the spouse. Any balance is divided between the spouse and the

OVERDBATES

AN OVERDRAFT facility is before plunging into the red. Unauthorised overdrafts can cost more than twice as much. John Cheese, personal sector marketing director of Barclays Bank, said: "If customers talk to us before borrowing money we can help them make sure they are not taking on more than they can afford."

From December 30, Barclays has frozen the cost of authorised overdrafts. The bank, however, is imposing higher charges on unauthorised overdrafts. The best new year's resolution for an overdraft is to pay it off.

ren, the spouse receives the first £120,000 and the rest is

shared between next of kin. Making a will can cost as little as £50. Anyone with more than £140,000 of assets to bequeath might also find it worthwhile to seek advice on inheritance tax planning. Inheritances of more than E140,000 are liable to tax at 40 per cent.

Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Mayer, the independent financial adviser. says: "Try to bring a solicitor and financial adviser together at the same time to do your inheritance tax planning. It will obviously cost more than your basic £50, but it could save tens of thousands in inheritance tax."

TOO many banks and societies are happy to let savers'

money sit in low interestbearing accounts rather than inform them of better rates. But be wary of shifting an account from bank to bank too often. Most banks take into consideration the length as well as the quality of their relationship with customers

for loans or financial help.

sion schemes can invest through a free standing additional voluntary contribution scheme or the company's own AVC scheme. It is worthwhile trying to invest before the end of the tax year on April 5, to make best use of the available Those who are not already

in a pension scheme could consider a personal pension. The government is still offering an incentive to encourage people to contract out of the state earnings related pension scheme, or Serps. It will also pay a rebate of National Insurance contributions into the pension plan.

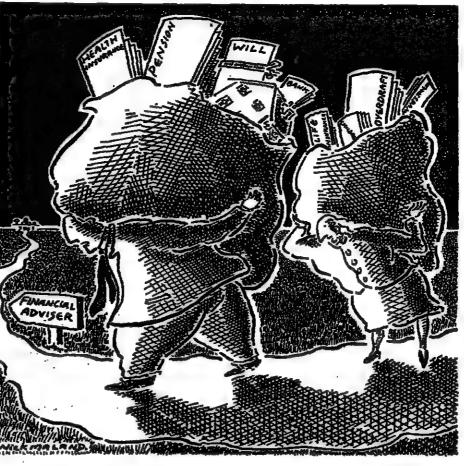
Contracting out is normally only worthwhile for younger people - men under 45, and women under 40. Pension advisers have differing views on the precise cut off age at which it becomes a mistake to contract out. Individual circumstances are also important, so advice is

HEALTH COVE

ILLNESS can devastate a family. It is necessary to establish how much would be received, and for how long, if wage or salary earners were incapacitated.

Families need also to think about the cost of replacing housewives and whether they want to take out cover to pay for the costs of, for example, child-care and cleaning. That can be relatively cheap if there are no payments during the first 26 or 52 weeks of illness. The younger an applicant, the cheaper cover will be.

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LIFE POLICIES

CONSIDERATION should be given to life assurance and whether the cover is suffi-cient. If responsibilities have increased since the last uprating it might be time to look at more term assurance or other policies to ensure the family is cared for.

Mike Wilson, the former chief executive of Allied Dunbar who is setting up a new life office with Lord Roth-schild, said: "Realistically, most people are drastically under insured. The acid test is: could their widow or widower survive from the lump sum generated should they die? £200,000 sounds quite a lot until you look at the kind of income it can generate."

A check should also be made on who the beneficia-

ries are of a life assurance policy. The life cover provided is paid at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees need to know whom the employee wants to benefit from the lump sum of up to four times salary. This can be paid quickly and without deduc-

Anyone who needs more cover can choose from a variety of types. Term assurance provides a lump sum for ben-eficiaries should the policyholder die during the life of the policy. Family Income benefit insurance pays out benefits on a regular basis until the end of the term. The self-employed can opt for pension term insurance and obtain tax relief on premiums.

HOME CONTENTS INSURANCE

HOMEOWNERS who add up the value of everything in the home, including furnishings, might be in for a surprise. Insurance has to cover everything - carpets, curtains, clothes, even the pet.

Under-insurance could mean the pay-out is scaled down when a claim is made. One way to avoid that risk is to opt for a policy that pays up to a pre-set maximum, depending on the number of rooms.

MORTGAGES

paying 14 per cent or more, even though the basic mort-gage rate has fallen to 11.5 per cent.

Borrowers with large loans might find it worthwhile remortgaging to benefit from lower interest rates, especially when attractive fixed-rate mortgages are available. Those with smaller loans might find the cost of solicitors' and surveyors' fees outweigh the advantage of reduced mortgage payments.

Remortgaging just to take advantage of a short-term interest rate differential is inadvisable. Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Leeds Permanent Building Society. recommends that a building society's strength of standing should be considered as well as its interest rate.

Some borrowers, who are on an annual review system, benefit from last year's fall in interest rates. Such methods of payment are intended to help with household budgets and provide stability. Although many building societies allow borrowers to take rates, such a move does rather contradict the purpose of an annual mortgage payment

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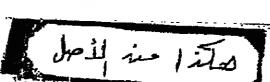
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JUNYESTMENTS THE most important thing to remember Tessa, which accepts investments as little about any investment is that nothing is certain. To know the value of an investment portfolio and the portfolio's performance against its own and other sectors' is important. Investors must be cautious of any adviser who is forever suggesting changes to a portfolio of unit trusts. Such "churning" might produce extra commission for the adviser without providing the investor with a better return.

A key factor in deciding what sort of investment to make is when the money or income from the investment will be needed. Those who want to use savings in a few months should not think about unit trusts or shares. The equity markets are for long-term investment.

Savers wanting instant access should look to the building societies. Darlington Building Society's pyramid account oflers 12.9 per cent gross on anything from £1 upwards. Wimbledon and South West, a finance house, offers 11.03 per cent gross and a cheque book to account . holders of £250 or more.

Those who can afford to put money away for five years or more should be interested in tax exempt savings scheme accounts, Tessas. Abbey National pays interest of 11.4 per cent gross on its

as £1. Skipton Building Society offers 11.6 per cent, but requires a minimum investment of £100.

"Inexperienced investors should bear in mind the advice from Keith Bedell-Pearce, of Prudential: "Don't put all your eggs into one basket. Be wary of companies you have not heard of making offers that seem too good to be true. Stick to the tried and tested quality names." Numerous scandals in which investors lost money have borne out the importance of these points.

Personal equity plans offer tax savings on holdings of shares or unit trusts. Up to £6,000 a year can be invested in shares through a Pep, plus £3,000 in one of the new "single-company" Peps. The unit trust maximum is £3,000 a year.

Unit trusts provide investors with a stake in a fund investing in a wide range of shares, thereby offering a spread of risk for even relatively small sums of money. There are now more than 1,400 unit trusts to choose from, classified according to the sort of shares in which they invest. Hence, there are UK income trusts. UK growth trusts: international growth trusts and so on.

Tony Fraher, of Morgan Grenfell,

advises caution about investing in UK trusts because of the forthcoming election. He suggests investing in Japan for the first half of the year, switching to

Europe for the second half. As for fund management groups, Tony Murrell, of Fraser Marr, the independent adviser, suggests investors should consider M&G, Fidelity, Barings and Schroder as good solid performers. Life assurance companies offer bonds

that are in some ways similar to unit trusts. Unreclaimable capital gains tax is deducted from the payout, making them a poor deal for people unlikely to have capital gains tax liability. However, many financial advisers recommend National Savings as a better deal than such bonds. In particular, people should consider the index-linked national savings bond that pays 4.5 per cent above the retail price index for five years.

. Finally, it might be timely to introduce children to investment. Mr Murrell said: "Children's bonus bonds are the only legitimate way a parent can give money to his children and escape paying taxes." The bonds, available from any Post Office, allow parents to invest up to £1,000 at 11.84 per cent gross over the five years.

All that's gold fails to glitter for units

GOLD has proved the worst investment for unit trust holders over the past five

According to figures just released by Micropal, the unit trust analysis company. funds which were based in gold accounted for five of the ten worst performing trusts, and three of the five worst

The three were INCESCO Gold, which lost nearly 50 per cent of investors' money during the five years: Target Gold & General, which ended nearly 55 per cent lower, and Waverley Australasian Gold. whose unitholders lost all but 30 per cent of their initial

investment.
Australasia's troubled economy proved to be yet another minefield for unwary fund managers. The two worst performers of the 799 trusts surveyed over the five years were Target's Austra-lian, whose managers managed to lose all but 27.56 per cent of the money in their care and Waverley's Austral-

However, NM's Australian fund covered itself with glory by achieving the second best performance of the lot, with a 132.71 per cent improve-ment on the original investment over five years.

Paul Barnes of Micropal said: "It just goes to show the importance of selecting the right stocks."
The best performing unit trust over the past five years

was Newton Income, whose funds improved by 144.38 The wooden spoon for con-

sistently bad performance goes to MGM Special Situa-tions Growth. It lost nearly one third of its investors money over the past year Out and out winner over one year was Framlington Health, with a near-100 per

cent improvement, due to a heady mixture of management expertise plus its pres-ence in the 1991 growth areas of biotechnology, medi-cal research and medical ancillary services in America, which proved to be geographically the best performing area.
The trust has the added

distinction of being an ethi-

Framlington also came

fourth and thirteenth with its American Smaller Companies, 74.4 per cent higher over the 12 months to January 1, and International
Growth funds, 51.35 per
cent higher, which won it the
title of Micropal's official
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The health and American smaller companies funds are both managed by Antony Milford, who is also responsible for the American side of the international growth fund, which last year ac-counted for 55 per cent of the

Framlington officially bought the health fund from a group called Medical In-vestments two months ago. but Mr Milford has been managing it for the past three years.

He said: "There is no way

we can hope to double the investment again this year, but I still believe that healthcare is the place to be in the 1990s, especially in America. There is never oing to be another year like 1991 for this type of recession-resistant growth stock.

Leeds offers a 25-year fix

By LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

THE ultimate in fixed-rate home loans comes from the Leeds Permanent Building Society, which is offering mortgages fixed at 11.25 per cent over 20 or 25 years.

This is 0.25 per cent below the current base mortgage rate and 1.35 per cent below the average mortgage rate over the last 10 years. When other costs, such as the application fee of £250, are taken into account the annual percentage rate is 11.9 per cent. This compares with an APR of 12.3 per cent on ordinary repayment loans.

The offer is the first over such a long period from a building society. Ten years was the previous maximum, on a fixed-rate scheme launched by the Scarbor-ough Building Society in November at 10.95 per cent (APR 11.8 per cent). This is still on offer although the society had set aside only £10 million. However, it is restricted to loans to buy homes

worth £100,000 or more. The Leeds has allocated £200 million for the loans, which can also be fixed over three, four or five years. It still has available capped-rate loans over a year at 9.95 per



Financial furniture: Charles Wycks is promoting portable, fixed-rate mortgages

cent. But these may not be around for much longer.

When NatWest Home Loans offered mortgages fixed at 11.8 per cent over 10 years last July it found that homebuvers were not unduly pessimistic about interest rates, and the loans, with an APR of 12.6 per cent, were hard to shift. Mortgage rates had fallen from 14.5 per cent

to around 12.5 per cent in the option fee of 3 per cent of the loan at the outset to allow first part of the year and borrowers hoped for several them to switch to variable rates in the future.

changed. At the beginning of 1990 Bear Steams, the American bank, offered home loans fixed at 11.95 per cent over 25 years. These had no redemption penalty but borpension mortgages through branches or through brokers. Over the past 10 years basic mortgage rates have aver-aged 12.6 per cent. Over the past five years alone there have been 15 mortgage rate

terest only, endowment and

changes. The Leeds loans are all portable and can be transferred to a new property at any time during the term. Charles Wycks, head of lending, said of the mortgages: gage goes with them."

Those homebuyers who opt to pay off the 25-year loan early will pay a penalty of six months' interest in the first four years, three months' in vears five to nine and one month during the remainder of the loan.

£150 for the short-term money and rise to £250. In addiinsurance products from the Leeds. The range includes buildings, contents and income protection policies.

Mr Wycks added: "The biggest attraction for many people will be the opportunity to budget for a longer period, knowing that their interest payments will not change."

Life company will approach shareholders

BY SARA MCCONNELL

The Leeds' three, four or

five-year fixed rates are at

10.6 per cent. Here the annu-

al percentage rate works out

at 11.8 or 11.9 per cent,

depending on how long the

All the fixed-rate money is

rate is fixed for.

INVESTORS who are shareholders in public companies could soon be receiving details of insurance policies and investments through the mail from J Rothschild Assurance, a new life company that started trading this week. Those whose friends or rel-

atives have a financial adviser working for the new company could also be approached. Mike Wilson, chief executive of J Rothschild, said he expected most of the new company's business to come from referrals from existing clients.

Share registers would also be used as sources for emphasised that this would not be the company's main way of soliciting business from members of the public as it "could be counter-productive". He said the company would also be running seminars over the coming months to encourage investors to take out policies.

J Rothschild was founded by three former Allied Dunbar executives, Mr Wilson, former group chief executive, Sir Mark Weinberg, former chairman who founded Allied Dunbar, and Keith

The company will sell its policies through a direct salesforce of 180, two-thirds of whom came from Allied Dunbar. It is hoping to target more discerning clients with

IN BRIEF

☐ Homebuyers who take out an endowment mortgage with Equity & Law may now chose critical illness cover in addition to conventional life cover at a slightly higher monthly premium. Homeowners, especially first-time buyers, who cannot afford the extra premium, may post-pone taking out the extra

☐ Prudential has ser up a single-company personal equity plan. Investors select one of 70 companies in which to invest a maximum £3,000. Charges are 1 per cent initially, plus an annual fee of 1 per cent. However, people who invest the maximum £6,000 in a Prudential general Pep before March 27 may put a further £3,000 into the single-company Pep with no addi-tional management charges. The company advises investors to invest in a general Pep

☐ The Skipton building society has improved the rates on its Money Market Plus investment account, and has added a second rate tier for balances of £50,000 or more. From January 7, savers in the higher band receive 8.954 per cent net (11.938 gross); the rest get 8.766 per cent (11.688). Previously all balances attracted a net rate of 8.207 per cent. The cent for 8.297 per cent. The rate for the higher band is fixed at 1 per cent above Libor and the latter 0.75 per cent above Libor for three months. The account was due to close in December 1991 after two years, but was extended for



Wilson: founder member

an experienced salesforce. Mr has on average ten years' experience. We are trying to build up a group of highly quality advice." He added that because the salesmen were experienced, they should not need to cold call prospec-J' Rothschild is offering a

range of ten life assurance, pension and investment policies, all of which are unitlinked. Investors can choose between the managed funds of three companies, Scottish . Amicable, M&G and J Rothschild Investment Management for all these policies. The range includes a critical Illness policy, term assurance and whole of life, as well as a personal pension, free-standing additional voluntary contribution (FSAVC) and an executive pension plan for directors and executives. On the life side, the company is offering a ten-year unit linked regular savings plan, a ten to 25-year capital repayment plan, to pay off a loan or mortgage, and an investment bond. Investors can also put up to the £3,000 maximum annual allowance into a per-

sonal equity plan. Investors can choose to switch between funds but will pay a flat fee of £20 if they do so. Paul Bradshaw, a director at J Rothschild, said: "Investors can choose on day one which funds they want to invest in but they can change their minds later on. The three funds are direct competitors but the companies have different areas of expertise."

There is no limit to the number of switches that can be made, but Mr Bradshaw said the company would not be recommending people to switch too often.

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Personal equity plans have changed radically in the five years since their launch

Ceiling that keeps on rising

By LINDSAY COOK, WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

PERSONAL equity plans came of age this week, five years after they were launched. And with the advent of single-company Peps, a couple can now invest a total of £36,000 over the next four months and escape any income or capital gains tax

The new single-company plans allow investors to put £3,000 into a single company. For those who want substantial shareholdings in a company, it will be possible to put up to $69,000 \rightarrow 63,000$ for a single-company Peoplus the standard £6,000 into one company's shares in a financial year although that was not the intention of Nigel Lawson, who, as Chan-

plans in the 1986 Budget. He wanted wider share ownership and involvement in the companies for new investors. Most people will opt to put money into a range of shares with their standard plan for The original investment

limit when Peps were launched was £2,400, with up to a quarter in unit trusts or investment trusts. The investments then had to be held for a complete year after the year of investment to qualify for its

in the 1989 Budget, the Pep rules were changed so that there is now no qualifying period. Investors may take out only one standard plan a year, although the Inland Revenue has found



£6,000 in one year, but have

placed it with more than one

plan manager. Derek Book-

er, at Lloyds Bank, one of the

largest Pep providers, hopes

there will be no more changes

this year so that investors can

He has £450 million in Peps

for 63,000 investors. A third

of these ont to select their own

Lloyds does no formal breakdown of its Pep holders,

but Mr Booker said: "A sig-

nificant proportion are fairly

sophisticated so I would guess

they were already sharehold-

ers before Peps were

launched." Someone putting £2,400 into the first Lloyds-

managed Pep on day one would have had an invest-

used to the new system.

some public confusion on this point. Now that investors can take out both a standard Pep and a single-company one, some plan managers fear that the confusion could become

Most of those who have fallen foul of the regulations

sonal equity plans that invest in their own shares.

tor can put in these tax shel-

"single-company Peps" pri-marily for the benefit of Britain's employee share owners. But anyone can take advantage of the new tax break. Essentially, up to £3,000 of a company's shares can be

put in one of these Peps, apart from the £6,000 in a general Pep. While most investors have to deposit their money in a Pep and then buy shares, employee sharehold-ers can transfer up to £3,000 of their holdings in employee share schemes.

ment worth £3,833 at the

At Fidelity Investment Ser-

vices, Mary Blair, product

development director, said

Peps had succeeded in that

they had brought people into

investment who would other-

wise not have bought shares.

people become more aware,

more people are investing in

them. When you talk to bro-

kers they say they are advising

Fidelity would welcome an

increase in the unit trust in-

£6,000 in the Budget. This

would allow people to use

European unit trusts for their

every client to have a Pep."

beginning of December.

company Pep are being marketed. The vast majority have been initiated by the com-panies themselves and administered by either Bradford & Bingley Building Society or CC&P Trustees. "My impression is that as There are also two types of rival plan being offered by private client stockbrokers and other financial services

to £3,000 immediately from

'One company' option popular

By Rupert Bruce

MORE than 100 of Britain's top companies marked the new year by launching per-

The good news is that this raises the amount an investers each year by £3,000 to

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has created these

Three basic types of single-

companies. ICI, the chemicals group, vestment limit from £3,000 to had its Pep open for investment from the first day of the year. Its 50,000 UK employees will be able to transfer up

their share bonus and Save As You Earn schemes. Companies are keen to set up these tax shelters to promote shareholding among workers and private invesfunds and the like.

While these Peps are long term investments, the difficulty is that, generally, the investor cannot switch from one stock to another.

Some financial services firms, like Killik & Co, the London private client stockbroker, do arrange for this. The broker has a Pep in which the investor can choose, from a limited range. which company's shares to put in the Pep, and can switch at will.

Bank and Fidelity Invest-ment Services, the financial services firms, are going a step further and offering "discretionary" Peps, That means they choose which of a small number of blue-chip companies will go in the Pep,

and switch if they think fit. But frills and flexibility cost money. At ICI, there is no introductory cost apart from that of buying shares, and there is an annual management charge of £10 a year. At Killik, there is a dealing charge and an annual charge which is normally £15. Kleinworts initially charges 5 per cent to new more standard 0.5 per cent annual management charge.

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Caution over Europe

FROM January 1, personal equity plans became vehicles for promoting ownership of European as well as UR shares. That means British investors can use this tax umbrella to shield income and capital gains - from investments in both.

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However, this government initiative has drawn a muted response from companies that manage Peps. Most plan to invest through trusts rather than buy European shares. One reason for the lack of interest is that there is less need of a tax-shelter for returns from European equity investments. Tony Fraher, managing director of Morgan Grenfell Investment

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Funds, said: "You have to bear in mind that European funds have no or little (inthere is no income tax benefit. Therefore it is only for those people who have a capital

Because capital gains of up to £5,000 are tax-free, most investors would be better off putting a high-yielding UK investment within a Pep.

Pep managers also consider the European plans too expensive to set up. Mike Ryder Richardson, marketing manager at Save & Pros-per, said: "We looked at investing directly in shares, but basically you have too many problems with the collection of dividends across different countries, with the claiming of foreign tax credits and foreign exchange trans-actions. Most Pep managers feel that with the future of Pens in doubt if Labour wins the election the investment they would have to make is

not worthwhile." - Fidelity Investment Services, which is well known for the investment performance of Anthony Bolton, its top European investment manager, is the only company to have announced a European Pep, the Fidelity European Growth Trust. It will invest of the company's European unit trust and European Valond £3,000 will be invested in UK companies with considerable European earnings or ones that should benefit from

the single market. Most other Pep managers are just adding their ranges of European unit trusts to the UK unit trusts that can be put in their Peps. Baring Private Investment Management's new Flexipep gives a choice of three UK growth, one UK income and three European growth unit trusts. Once a maximum of £3,000 is invested in unit trusts, the second half of the £6,000 Pep allow ance is put in top UK equities. Baring selects the shares but many managers will let an

investor do so. The charges on most Peps with facilities for European investment are of the same order as those on Barings'. It charges a total of 5 per cent initially with a further 0.5 per cent levied annually on the unit trust and I per cent on the share portion of the Pep. But in some cases - like Save & Prosper's Pep — there is a flat charge on the share part of the fund if it is chosen by

While Europe's equity markets were not good performers last year, some managers feel they should do relatively well this year - if only in lustre performance expected in major stock markets. RUPERT BRUCE

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Banks conduct a discreet courtship of wealthy customers

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A QUIET revolution is going on in the way high street banks approach their richer customers. They are all at-tempting to develop a private banking service for people whose needs fail between those of the standard customer and the super-rich.

This is not the world of Swiss bank accounts, but that of quality service designed to satisfy the client's needs. And while extra products are on offer, the real emphasis is on providing a level of service one would not expect in the high street.

Myles Ponsonby, deputy chief executive of private banking at Midland Bank, said: "Private banking is nothing if it is not an emphasis on what the customer wants as opposed to treating him as a consumer."

The banks are trying to 'segment" their customers into those who need extra services and those who do not. The exercise should help them even out costs and boost the revenue earned from the private banking accounts.
The demand for such ser-

vices has arisen as people have started inheriting more money and have grown more successful in business. According to the Inland Revenue, there are more than 1 million people with net realisable assets of £50,000 and above.

Lloyds was the first to set up an arm specifically to meet the growing demand. It formed a division called private banking and financial services in January 1989 which included its Genevabased international private banking activities and UK the better-off



Ponsonby: service

private banking, among oth-

Broadly speaking the UK based Lloyds Financial Services attends to customers who have £75,000 or more in so-called "free assets". That means such things as shares which are not tied up for a long time.

Lloyds looks after more than 20,000 of these elite customers from about 30 offices. It has increased the assets managed by about £1 billion this year.

According to Jim Cooper, the assistant general manager at Lloyds in charge of UK private banking, clients are drawn from the branches after they have been identified and offered private bank-

ing services by the local manager. But newcomers to Lloyds are increasingly being introduced by word of mouth and professionals like solici-fors and accountants.

Mr Cooper draws a distinction between traditional pri-vate banking and what Lloyds has to offer. "We are looking at asset management rather than wealth preservation. The old idea used to be based on secrecy and security

of banks," he said.
Lloyds' private banking account managers each look after about 200 clients. They are backed up by specialists with skills in investment management, tax and other

Bardays has been trying out a similar system under the Barclays Private Banking Service during the last year. It essentially offers 15,000 private banking customers standard Barclays products, but devotes more time to each customer.

For example, Barclays' managers will meet busy dients at their workplace, at their home and outside office hours. And there is no extra charge. After a trial period, Barclays is considering whether to extend this service.

The two other high street banks, Midland and National Westminster, have pri-

Cooper: distinction

vate banks outside the branch network. Both Samuei Montagu Private Bank at Midland and Coutts & Co at National Westminster provide a full range of normal banking services as well as the trimmings. But they too take clients from the branch

Mr Ponsonby said: "The reason for setting up Samuel Montagu Private Bank as Midland's UK bank for private banking customers was to provide a quality bank for those people inside and outside the group who might not get what they want from the more mass market banks."

He sees his clients as falling into three categories: old established customers who

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wealth creators who do not have much money but who have making it, and opinionformers like solicitors who have the capacity to introduce others. He is planning to attract about 1,000 customers in the first couple of years which suggests that this is

strictly for the more wealthy. At National Westminster Cours takes an increasing number of clients from the high street bank. It has changed its image significantly over the last few years to appeal to the new rich as well as the old. A telling example is that of the branch at the top of Sloane Street in London which did have a forbidding revolving door and now has a much more

commonplace glass door.
The bank also has introduced a cheque card with a £250 limit and cashpoint cards which work in National Westminster, Midland and

TSB service tills. Courts, again, is towards the upper end of the UK private banking market. It prefers clients with incomes of more than £50,000 but does not stick rigidly to this parameter.

Those who want the extra service provided by Coutts and the prestigious cheque book must pay for it. The bank has a standard charge of £30 a quarter and 75p a transaction

Henry Hopper, head of corporate affairs, said: "Essentially our raison d'être is about providing a different level of service (to the other banks) and concentrating on maintaining that service." RUPERT BRUCE

Non-stop jingle bells at **Firstdirect**

By LIZ DOLAN

MONEY-conscious custom ers of Firstdirect, the telephone banking arm of the Midland, were still making health checks on their financial situation over Christmas, even while the rest of the family was digging into the turkey and tearing open

the presents.
More than 1,200 of them called the service during the two-day holiday. A large number were masochists who apparently needed to torture themselves with news of just how badly their funds had been depleted in the runup to Christmas, but an astoniching 40 per and tonishing 40 per cent were super-efficient types paying their gas, electricity and other utilities bills, or settling credit card accounts.

There were also a number of requests for overdraft extensions. With most stores reporting a dearth of shop pers before Christmas, the most likely reason for this was considered to be to finance a spot of bargain-hunting in the sales, rather than to shore up damage caused by a last-minute burst of generosity on the Christmas present front.

Some calls came from Uriah Heeps, or especially friendly customers, who simply wanted to wish staff a happy Christmas. One telephoned from Japan to wish them all a happy new year, local time

Calls came in at all times of the day and night from people who had escaped overseas for Christmas and new year and needed a fast injection of funds after underestimating how much the holiday would cost.

The number of calls received over the two-day new year period came much closer to the 9,000 daily average experienced during the rest of the year. Nearly 6,000 people called on New Year's Eve, although that number dwindled somewhat to 2,226 the following day, with most customers apparently more bothered about the effects of the night before than they were about the state of their finances.

Firstdirect customers are a peculiarly impatient breed. A customer attitude survey, just published, discovered that over a six-month period, one third of respondents hung up rather than wait for their calls to be answered. some of them more than ten

Firstdirect has now brought its average response time down to nine seconds. which is just as well, as near-ly two thirds of its customers say they are not prepared to wait longer than 20 seconds.

The bank's customer base has risen from 150,00 at the end of June to approaching 190,000 now. Market research indicates a potential market of 2.26 million, rising to six million by 2000, Firstdirect said.

Phantom of the Financial Services Act

From J.B. Weiniger

Sir, I was very interested to read your comments (Weekend Money, December 21). Do they apply to pension companies?

I took out a pension and have experienced all the dubious practices you mentioned and more. I found that they had made substantial errors. all to my disadvantage, with unit prices when allocating units to the premiums paid. I had got their salesman to spell out, amongst other things, their charges; but now the company is riding rough-shod over agreements and is doing things in a way that makes me wonder what other rotten practices they have

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which I will only discover in some 30 years' time when I

In your article you pour scom on the Financial Services Act. I have wondered for some time whether this is yet another phantom set up which allows the general public to be ripped off whilst believing that watchdogs are there to prevent such things from happening.

I wrote to the pension ombudsman and, following his advice, sent my complaint to the local Occupational Pensions Advisory Service person. After more than a month went by without reply, I rang this person only to hear that, as he had all the complaints

he could handle, he had passed mine on to an Occupational Pensions Advisory Service person of another area. I then rang this second person. He could not remember my case but said he would ring back. Two weeks later, having not heard from him, I rang again and left my phone number with his secretary. At the time of writing I have yet to hear from him. I can't blame him; he is a volunteer

his time. But what is this country coming to when it leaves such vital jobs as these to volunteers?

and I am sure he has more

rewarding things to do with

The government encouriged me to provide for my own retirement; but what can I do when I have every reason to believe that I am being ripped off by the available institutions and no one seemingly interested in looking at

Perhaps the government feels it can ignore this situation because the vast majority of people do not check as I have. If they ever find out it will not be until they have retired but, even then, the chances are they won't find out as inflation will have hidden their situation.

Thanking you for your time and attention. I remain Yours faithfully, B. WEINIGER, 17 Downage, Hendon, NW4.

Unfair system

From Miss C.E.M. Harper Sir, I look after the affairs of someone who is quite inarticulate and totally unable to argue with the Inland

addition to the state retirement pension, so some tax has to be paid. The Inland Revenue insists

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that all tax for the current year must be paid on 1 January, ie when only three-quarters of the year's income has been received.

I find this iniquitous. Is h really the law?

People such as my protegee, on low incomes, are most likely to be affected and consequently must take a dim view of British justice. Yours faithfulb C.E.M. HARPER, 69 Radnor Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.

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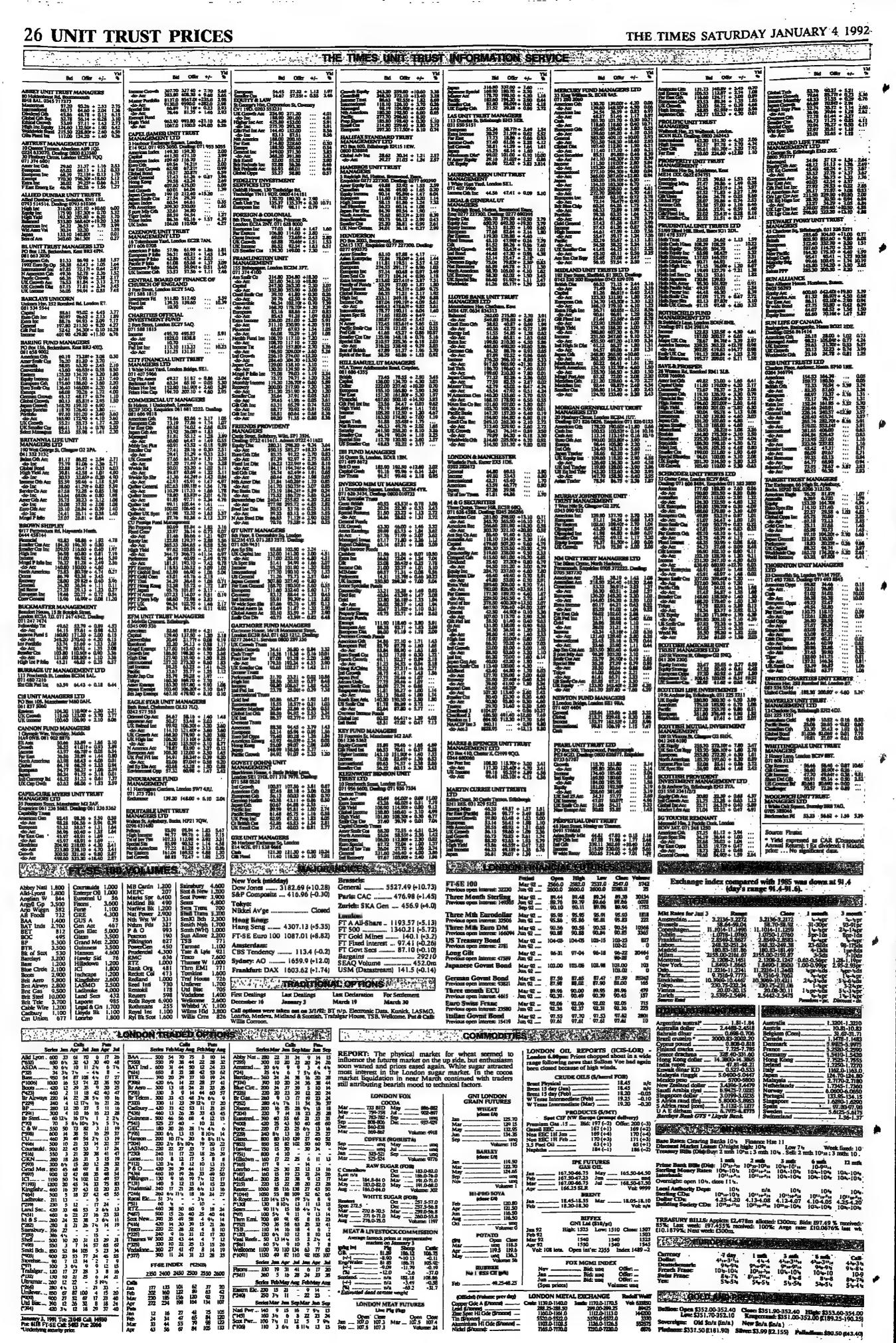
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Selectors out in force to decide the honours list



Redman: front jumper?

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A GREAT swathe of representative seams will be mulled over this weekend but, in the wake of the World Cup, there will be little end-of-an-era feeling about the England team to play Scotland on January 18, due to be announced

At the same time Ireland will announce their XV to play Wales. The Scots and the Weish themseives take a little longer: the Scottish selectors will weigh up the results of today's trial at Murrayfield before deciding how best to fill their back row vacancies while the Welsh wait until Thursday before disclosing their new-year resolutions. In addition English representative teams at B and stuof success?

dent level are scheduled for announcement on Monday, the B XV to play Spain in Madrid on January 19 and the students, who are spending the weekend in camp at Bisham Abbey, to play Scottish Students in Edinburgh on the eve of the Calcutta Cup

The tentacles of international rugby grow even longer: two England players, looking at their 1992 diaries just after Christmas, admitted that there appeared to be no free weekend for family pursuits until May, by which time several members of the team will have decided to call

it a day. So whither England after an unprecedented year

Not back to the drawing board, that is certain; for one thing England's management have learned that, having acquired players with international experience, you do not lightly discard them and certainly not in the fervent atmosphere of Murrayfield. The possibility of a grand stam in successive years will be the lure, a feat which has not been achieved

in modern times. England have done it twice - in 1913 and 1914, and in 1923 and 1924. The only other country to have done it is Wales, in 1908 and 1909. the obvious corollary being

that since the rise of France after the second world war no country has won slams backto-back

That is not to say that the selectors have only the comparatively straightforward task of picking replacements for the retired Paul Ackford and the injured Mike Teague and leaving all the other elements of England's World Cup final team in place. They gathered in Richmond last night, extending an invitation to Will Carling, England's captain, to join them, and will disperse to various games as they think necessary today before reconvening this

evening. They would like assurance. that Dean Richards can re-

Skinner has not lost the edge of that form which carried him into the knockout stages of the World Cup, that Nigel Redman can slot in comfortably as front jumper. They must consider whether Martin Bayfield, from Northamoton, is ready yet for the hurlyburly of the five nations' championship rather than

sume at No. 8, that Mickey

12 caps over the past eight I imagine that Richards, Skinner and Redman will be picked, as will Rob Andrew at stand-off half despite the ups and downs of his playing career since November 2 caused by his move from

Wasps to Toulouse. Even so

Redman who has gathered

Stuart Barnes will enjoy displaying his wares for Bath against Harlequins today, a match in which 17 senior England squad players appear.

Richards has recovered from another shoulder injury. inflamed ligaments, and plays against London trish, a match which will be attended by a selector from Ireland. where they have an uncommonly long casualty list. Behind Richards the young pretenders include Ben Clarke, from Bath, and Tim Rodber, from Northampton, who begins the next stage of his army career at Sandhurst on Monday.

Northampton have been happy to award Rodber extra

responsibilities this season. even when their pack has included the massive experience of Shelford. Pearce and Olver. "He has got away from the student scene, he has matured and has led the pack increasingly well," Barry Corless, Northampton's ad-

"We began that early in the season, when the senior players were away, and it went well. It's all part of his development and Wayne Shelford can always give him a nudge if he thinks its required. Not that he's needed

PROBABLE ENGLAND XV: J Webb, S Halliday, W Caring, J Guscon, R Under wood: R Andrew, R Hill, J Leonard, B Moore, J Probyn, M Skinner, N Redman, W Dooley, P Winterbottom, D Richards

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Scots trial leaves **Exiles stranded**

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE the club leagues in England, Wales and Ireland grind into action after the Christmas recess, Scotland's is on hold today because of the national trial at Murrayfield. That is scant comfort to London Scottish who have lost five players to the trial, yet must go ahead with their league fixture against Liverpool St Helens because the demands made on them are not those of an English representative occasion.

In fact one of their quintet, Paul Burnell, has withdrawn. from the senior XV, the Reds, as have Scott Hastings and Craig Chalmers. This gives the selectors the chance to

move Alan Watt into the Reds front row and review his progress, which they were denied last weekend when he withdrew from the game against Spain because of

in two first-division English clubs. Gloucester entertain Rosslyn Park without Ian Smith, their captain and flanker, Peter Iones (prop) and Don Caskie (centre); Hariequins lose Neil Ed-Richard Langhorn to the second row for the game with Bath. Even Wales are affected: Dale McIntosh, from Pontypridd, is at No. 8 for the

Courage championship Bristol v Northampton Northampton are without injured backs, Packman and Dewson, and Teoburt, the flanker, Thame, Burns and Ord come in. Bristol restore Painter at stand-off because Thomas is it and prefer Davis at sensin helf. and prefer Devis at sorum helf:

Gloucester v Rosslyn Park Park call Field and Daylson into the pack for the injured McGeuley and Taylor Gloucester are short of their Scotlish Intellegal

Harlequins v Bath Harlequine have Skinner in the back row for the first time this season and Carling back from holidey. Thompson and Wedderburn play on the wing. Bath, without Guscott, play. Remeev at centre.

Leicester v London Irish Richards, recovered from a shoulder injury, resumes at No. 8 tast appearance for the Irish before moving to Japan, and Colling joins him in the back row.

Rugby v Saracens Smith (fock) and Riley (prop) make their league debuts for Rugby. Saunders is restored to favour on the wing. An anury to Revenscroft takes Dooley to Seracens' centre, with Tunningley at full back and Wilson at prop for Andrews, who has ensuments Wasps v Nottingham Probyn returns to the Wasps

The knock-on effect is felt

wards, their lock, and move

front row and Sage makes a league debut at lock, with Buzza at

centre. Nottingham give Wilby a league debut at No. 8 but will miles Hodgidnson, Gray and Ress Heineken first division Bridgend v Maesteg Huw Lawis replaces the injured: Howley at scrum half for Bridger Gerrard is included at loose

Cardiff v Pontypool Cardiff welf for a fitness report on Ford before confirming their wings; Stone is preferred at blind-side flanker.

Newbridge v Llanelli Newbridge have named 22 players for today's metch equal against a Limenti team led by Moon but missing the injured Emyr Lewis. Perego returns to the

Pontypridd v Neath Pontypridd welcome back ızani and Jacksori to the ti row and field Earland and Dicke in the back row; McIntosh is on. Scottish duty. Neath give a league debut to Paul Jones, the former under-19 lock, with Enoch and Ball paired at centre.

Swansea v Newport Aled Williams makes his league bow for Swansea at stand-off with Dow for Swarisea at staint-on with Kehoe in the centre. Ian Davies joins Stuart Devies and Webster in the back row. Callard is Newport's scrum helf but Waters reoves to No. 8 with Arthur

However Wales, whose selectors and advisers scatter throughout various league matches, have other fish to fry: one of their better players, Scott Gibbs, the Neath centre, is moving to Swansea and they have lost their B match against France sched-

uled for January 31. Gibbs, aged 20 and the Welsh player of the year, looked likely to move after the World Cup, during which he made his ninth international appearance. Now he says: "I have more to offer than people realise and the Swansea style will allow me to express myself."

Adrian Davles, the Cambridge University stand-off half, also intends to move clubs, from Neath to Cardiff. Luc Evans, the full back capped as a replacement against France in September after being dramatically underused on tour in Australia during the summer, is leaving Lianelli and seems likely to ioln Bridgend.

Both Davies and Evans would have been candidates for a B XV but the French federation is unable to go through with the match at the a late addition to the calendar. They have a longerstanding fixture with Scotland in Albi that same weekend and Denis Evans, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) secretary, said: "It means there will be little or no opportunity for us to fit in a B match this season."

Wales can look forward to a resumption of relations in 1993 with Japan who visited in 1973 and 1983. ☐ The WRU is to press for change at the International Rugby Football Board annual meeting in April to the regulations determining the size of logos on playing kit. The union wants an amendment to allow two logos on



Board view: Perkins has kept Pontypool on course despite numerous defections by players to more fashionable clubs

Perkins draws on pool of raw talent

JOHN Perkins is moulded out of the Pontypool clay into which Ray Prosser, the town's legendary coach for 18 years and the club's pre-siding spirit, breathed rugby life. A couple of rudderless years after the great man himself had stepped aside, Perkins took over and with Pontypool third in the Heineken League first division, Prosser's mantle is beginning to fit.

Unlike others who wait on the ready-made player to arrive, Perkins is forced to fashion a team from raw material. The A4051 out of town has been busy taking the traffic of players, which the club has developed, down the road towards the M4 and the fashionable clubs. Having lost half of their side last year, and by 60 points to Swansea, they emerged as runners-up in the cup.

This season Garin Jenkins, the hooker, and Sean McGauchie, the centre, have

Gerald Davies meets the one-club man who has led Pontypool to surprising success this season

moved to Swansea and Newport respectively. Yet, Pontypool are above Newport in the league, and just behind Swansea. They have drawn with Lianelli, the leaders. and beaten Neath at the Gnoll. Not bad for a faceless

"I don't like to look back. It's the future that concerns me," Perkins admits. "If the players want to go, they can. They're no use to me if they are unhappy. And at least you know those who stay are loyal." Perkins, rightly. pushes his captain, the remarkably unsung but the most consistently brilliant back row forward in Wales. Chris Huish, to the fore-

ground.
"He is a great example as

from the front. He is respected by the players for his pride and commitment. They respond to him. Players make themselves. They get out what they put in It's only through pain they can get the

Perkins, now 37 and six years removed from the last of his 18 appearances in Wales's second row, is refreshingly self-deprecating for a coach, which may account for his success. His honesty draws honourable endeavour from an anonymous gang of players. Players leave Pontypool, no big

names arrive. This reflects the days Prosser's men, hard and na kedly aggressive, tormented Welsh rugby's sanctimonious conscience about style. But style, after all, is only something that marks off one team from another. And Perkins is not about to stray

the comparison with his mentor. He sees himself in that traditional line. Nothing would please him more than to see that lineage of Pontypool strength stretched to the crack of doom. There is a traditional

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forward rhythm. So long as it

Perkins would not baulk at

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game that my club plays and with which we will always be associated. I can't see why on earth we should change. Once it gave us an unprecedented period of success. Let Lianelli play their way. We'll play ours. Variety is healthy. We have our dreams and aspirations for this club and I want to see it emerge as one of the great clubs."

Perkins' respect for New Zealand rugby continues Prosser's deep love of it. Pontypool is even sponsored by Air New Zealand. "This summer we're going to New Zealand to play a mixture of club

and provincial teams. Furthermore, I would like us develop a system of close exchange with one or two of our players going over there and some of theirs visiting us. We've got to improve our standards. In the next ten years Pontypool should tour all the major southern-hemisphere countries.

My concern is solely what happens on the pitch. There are too many people in the Welsh clubs and pubs who are talking about everything other than rugby and how to make it better. They'll happily talk about hospitality, sponsorship and money, money, money. But who's talking about getting the game right on the pitch? They talk about image. We'll never get our image right if we keep losing."
Perkins, if he were forced

to turn his back on this club, would not reappear through the door of another. He is a

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Allos v Dumberton Berwick v Ross County (2 0) Brechin v East Fife tenhemur v Caledonian --- -- " rannaer v Queen of South.

B and Q Scottleh League

Aberdeen v St Mirren. Airdrie v Rangers Celtic v Heerts Falkirk v Dundee Litd..... Hibernian v Duntermline

First division

Second division

Albion R v Queerre Park

DIADORA LSAGUE: Premier division:
Aylestury v Hendon; Basingstalas v
Carshatton; Blaings S Stortterd v Dagenham, Grays v Bromley; Harrow v Hayles;
Marlow v Chesham; St. Albens v
Whvenhoe; Staines v Erdiekt; Sutton Urd v
Bognor; Windoer and Eton v Kingstanian.
First division: Aveley v Whyteleafe;
Boreham Winder hakledenheed; Croydon v
Leyton Wingete; Dortling v Ubdardge;
Harlose v Molesey; Historiu v Heybridge;
Harlose v Molesey; Historiu v Heybridge;
Berit; Walton and Hersham v Stevenage
Borough; Wembley v Dutwich; Yeading v
Barking Sebond division: Barlon v
Leves; Billicnay v Bansteed Athletic;
Hemel Hemosteed v Southet; Hungerlord
v Berkhamster; Lestherhead v Withem,
Metropolitan Police v Newburn; Purificet v Albion R v Queens Park... Hemel Hemostead v Southell; Hungeriord v Berkhamsted; Leatherhead v Witham; Metropolitan Police v Newbury; Purified v Wortheng; Ruisip Manor v Malden Valor; Satiron Walden v Harefield; Southwick v Resniam. Third division: Bracknell v Cove: Chertsey v Tibury; Capton v Horshen; Eastbourne v Flactwell Heath; Edgware v Collier Row; Hampton v Hertford; Homothurch v Kingsbury; Hertford; Homothurch v Kingsbury; Thame v Felthem and Hounslow E. MES LOANS LEAGUE CUIP: Second

Tharme v Fethham and Hounglow 8.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Second round; Buston v Knowsley; Curzon Ashton v Bishop Auctionof; Friddiey v Whittey Bay; Goole v Southport; Morsambe o Gusseley; Rossendale v Matthe Stalytindge v Fleetwood; Winsford v Masne Promier division; Acctington v Morsiey; Hyde v Shepshad. First division: Briddington Town v Rhyl; Caarnarion v Workington; Colwyn Bay v Worksop; Farsley Cettic v Congleton; Harrogate v Lancaster City. Netherfield v Atpreton, Newtown v Radchitte Borough, Warrington v Eastwood Town

ton Vassward Town
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier
division: Bromsgrove V Pertorut; Burton v
Trowbridge: Cholmstord v VS Rugby:
Dover v Wordester; Fisher Athletic v Trowbridge: Cheimstord v vs raugor; Dover v Worcester; Fisher Athletic v Cambridge City: Gravesend v Atheristone, Histosowen v Bashley; Moor Green v Gloucester; Wealdstone v Poole, Sauthern division: Andover v Hastings; Budsingham v Baldok, Burnham v Bury; Dunstable v Witmeiy; Erith and Belvedene v Achlerd; Hythe v Weymouth; Margale v Braintire; Sallabury v Hawant; Sittinghoume v Sudbury, Midland division; Berry v Alvechurch, Bridgnorth v Leicester Urc; Dudley v Hadhasford; Granthem v Radditch; King's Lytin v Stourbridge; Newport AFC v Solinut

restriction on size.

any single item of kit and no

Hinckley

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Tottenham v CPR (2.0).
SMIRNOFF BRISH LEAGUE: Bellymens v Carrick, Bangor v Linfleid; Cittonville v Portadown; Distillery v Omegi; Glenavon v Cotersine; Glentoran v Ards; Lame v Crussders; Newry v Bellycien.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND; Fronter division: Easington Collegy v Gretne; Ferryhall Albielic v Consett; Langley Park Weltare v Newcaste Blue Star; Murton v Blyth Spertens; Northellerion v Seaham Red Star; Peterlee Newcaste Studion; South Bank v Guisborough; Tow Law v Whicktam; Whitty v Bälingham Synthonia GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier a vision: Chippenham v Liskeard Athlets Clevedon v Torrington; Dawlish Minehead: Elmore v Chard; Frome Saltast; Mangotsfield v Ottery SI Man Paulton v Tiverton; Plymouth Argyle Welton; Weston super Mare v Exmouth. Wetton: Weston super Mare v Exmouth.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Pramier division: Brantham
Athetic v Halstead; Clacton v Norwich;
Febisstowe v Gorieston; Great Yamnouth v
Newmerket, Harwich and Parteaston v
Loweston; Histon v Thetford, Tiphae v
March Town; Wetton v Stowmarker;
Webbert v Commit, Whochem a Navethia. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v
Prescot, Bacup Borough v Bootul, Backpool Rovers v Bradford Park Avenue;
Derwen v Auhton Ukd; Graef Harwood v
Ficton: Mamie Road (Man) v Cilineroe;
Perntin v Skelmersdele, St Helens v
Centracyl Henker, Vaundael GM v

ABAGUS WELSH LEAGUE NEEDING ABAGAITS WELSH LEAGUE: Nedicrie division: Abergeveny v Atan Ldo: Brecon v Abergetwyllt; Briton Ferry v Caldicot; Cwmbran v Ton Pontre Haverforthest v Bridgend; inter Cardiff v Ebbw Valle; Llanelli v Ferndale; Maesteg v NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST

MORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Lveraedge, beneby v Belper: Eccleshill v Sheffield: Hernogate Railway v Glass Houghten Welfare; North Shleids v Cosett Town; Ossett Abion v Thatkley; Spennymoor v North Feriby; Sutton Utd v Bng; Witherton Rangers v Matthy MW. ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Lancing Old Boys; Old Carthyeina v Cld Reptonians; Old Stephens v Old Ardiniana; Old Stephens v Old Narrovians; Old Wellingburdens v Old Narrovians; Old Wellingburdens v Old Natrovians; Old Wellingburdens v Old Natrovians.

RUGBY UNION 2.30 unless stated

Scottish trial Slues v Reds (at Murrsyfield, 2.0).. Courage Clubs Championship First division Bristol v Northampton (3.0)...... Gloucester v Rosslyn Pk (3.0)......

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES Wasps v Nottingham (3.0)

Second division

Third division Clitton v Askeans. Lydney v Headingley (3.0)..... Nuneaton v Redruth (3.0)..... Richmond v Exeter y v Broughton Pk.....

Fourth division north Lichfield v Harrogata..... Northern v Aspatna (2.15)... Preston G v Kendal (2.15)...

TOMGRROW

Third round Aston Villa v Tottenham (1 0) Bristol Rovers v Plymouth (3 0)..... Charlton v Barnet (12.0).... Leeds Utd v Manchester Utd BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:

Premier division (2 15 unless stated).

Athlone v Bohemans Bray Wanderers v Dundak: Drogheda v Cork City, Sigo v Derry (2 15): St. Patrick's Athletic v Shamsook (1.0). **RUGBY LEAGUE**

HOGSY LEAGUE
STÖNES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
(3.0 unless stated): First division:
Bradford v Huff: Featherstone v Haidax
(3.30); Sathord v St Helena (6.15): Warrington v Leads. Widnes v Caetleford, Wyan
v Wakefield Second division, London
Crusaders v Ryedails York (1.0); Oldham
v Wakefield Second division, London
Crusaders v Ryedails York (1.0); Oldham
v Garliste; Rochdale v Shetfield,
Workington v Leigh. Third division:
Bramley v Tratford (3.30). Charley
Hunddersfield, Dewsbury v Barrow (2.15)
Donoaster v Keighley. Highfield v
Scerbore Prates; Whitehaven v Nottinghem (3.30)

HOCKEY

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND MEN'S NATIONAL INBOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (12.0): Group one (Brimspham): St Albaha, Cannock, Surbition. Warrangton Group two (Bamispham): Herborne, Isca, Bournwile, RAF Strike Command Group three (Haywards Heath): East Grinstead, Stockton, Petersfield, Teddington Group four (Haywards Heath): Old Mid-Whitgithans, RAPC, Policans, Norwich, Group five (Sheriled): Wetten, Old Bordenians, West Wilts, Berford Tigers. First division

Fourth division south Esing v High Wycombe Ldn Welsh v Camborne Maidstone v Baricontolic Second division

Heinekan Welsh League First division

Newbridge v Lanelli Pontypridd v Neath Swansea v Newport

Second division Cross Kevs v Penarth.

Group six (Sheffield): Doncaster. Harleston Magpuée, Khaisa (Warwicks). Staves Group seven (Swindon): Stourport, Crostyx Firebrands, Old Coughtonane, Group eight (Swindon): Gloucester, Bromley, Oxford Hawke. WOMEN'S INDOOR CLUB CHAMP-IONSHIP: North (at Washington), East (at Cambridge). West (at Yate and

BASKETBALL WORLD INVITATION CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS (Crystel Palece)
CARLSBERG NATIONAL CUP:
Women' Second round: ipswich v
London YMCA (4 0), Milton Keynes v
London 1464 (4 0), Notinigham v Doncaster (3 30), Sunderland v Northampton
(3 45)

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Ayr Raiders v Mumberside Seehawks. Billingham Bombers v Nor-wich and Peterbaraugh, Carditt Devile v Durham Wasps, Murrayfield Racers v Nortingham Panthers, Whilley Warnors v Bracknell Bees First division: Blackburn Blacknawks v Lea Valley Lons Romford Raiders v Teitord Tigers, Trafford Metros v Sloudh Jets

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world professional championships (Frimley Green).
CYCLO-CROSS: Severn RC (Downend. Bristol 11 0). Oxonian (Lowley Oxford, 130). CC La Zouch (Cattows Farm, Heatiner North, 115).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Bournemouth) TABLE TENNIS: Cleveland international

All Ireland League

Constitution y Instenians St Mary's Coll v Old Wesley . Young Munster v Shannon

Blackrock Coll v Sundays Well., CIYMS v Terenura Dolphin v Greystones Dungannon v Bangor ... Wanderers v Malone.

Club matches All 2 0

Meirose v Musselburgh

Under-18 International Wales v Scotland (at Neath, 2.30). HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third division: Blains v Bonymeen; Liandoverv v Rumney; Mountain Ash v Wrecham, Teroby Utd v Aberavon Cuins, Treorchy v Narberth Fourth division: Aberbynon v Pontypool Utd, Cityndd v Stradgyrlaus, kenig Hill v Blackwood, Kidwelly v St Peters Ruthin v Tumble COLIBACE CLIBS. CHANDYNASHIP-

Refing His v Backwood, Aldwery v St. Peters Ruthin v Timble
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: South West First division: Gordon League v Cinderford Newbury v Mardenhead Reading v Benry Hill, Sabsbury v Brintam, St. Ives v Torquay Second division: Hentey v Taumton, Maxiow v Barnstapte, Cyford v Stroud, Penryn v Abber; Sherborne v Merson Western Courties: Devon and Cornwell Police v Clevedon, Launceston v Tiverton, Newquay Hornets v Bindgwater, Okchampton v Awomouth, Penzance-Newlyn v Sperians Southern counties: Bournemouth v Bambury, Dorchester v Ayleabury, Grove v Bletchley, Redingensians v Wimborne, Swanage and Wareham v Windsor Cornwell and Devon: Exmouth v Samouth, Hoyle v and Wareham v Windsor Cormwall and Devon: Exmouth v Sidmouth. Hayle v Teignmouth. Plymouth CS v Birdeford, South Molton v Credition: Trura v Exeter Saracens. Gloucester and Someiset. Drybrook v Dings Crusader, Frome v Whitehad Gloucester Old Boys v Carencester. Keynsham v Clove; Wiveliscombe v Oidfield Old Boys. Bucks and Oxon: Chifon v Chinnor. Milton Keynes v Pennanuans, Slough v Beaconstield, Wheatley v Bacester, Winey v Oxford Marathon Berlishire, Dorsef and Witishire: Chuppenham v Devizes, Witshire: Chippenham v Devizes, Corsham v Weymouth, Meli-sham v Wootton Bassett: Swindon College v Bracknell, Swindon v Bournemouth Poly. London and south east: Cheetuni v Dorking; Eton Manor v Otr Ard-Whitgfrians, Old Alleymans v Lewes, Streatham and Croydon v Thurrock;

from Pontypool's eternal ver-

Sutton and Epsotn v Old Gavioniana Bacond division north: Fischley v Norwich Harlow v Chinglord; Leichworth Visswich, India v Chinglord; Leichworth Visswich, Old Merchant Taylors' v Bishop's Stortford, Tabard v Berking, Second division south: Camberley v US Portamoun, Guidford and Godalmang v Old Judden; Old Coffeans v Esher: Westcombo Park v Tumbridge Wells, Worthing v Gravesend Third division north east: Basildon v Cambridge, Brentwood v Romtord and Gidea Park: Cantabrigian v Chelmslord; Colchester v Old Edwardians Saffron Walden v Westerff Third division north weath Fullenams v St. Mary's Hospital, Kingsburrans v Heriford, Lensbury v Old Venulamians. Cld Albanians v Upper Clapton Welvyn v Hemel Hempslead.

Third division south east: Chicheator v Sutton and Epsots v Old Gaytoniana

Capton Wellym & Herrie Frempsiess. Third division south east: Chichestor v Crawley, Dartiordians v Horsham; Hove v Hastings and Besthel, Old Beocehamins v Charton Park; Thanet Wanderes v Old Brocklesians Third division south west: Alton v Old Emanuel, Eastleigh v Guy's Hosyvisi, KCS Old Boys v Old Reigettan; Old Walcounhers, v Cranleigh, Win-chester v Purley Midlands: First division: Benunghan

Midlands: First division: Birmingham and Solihui v Leighton Buzzerd; Leamington v Barkers Butts, Mansfield v Stoke on Trent, Newark v Syston, Westleigh v Camp Hill Second division asst. Bedlord Athletic v Moderns; Paviors v Biggleswade Peterborough v Stewarts and Lloyds; Stok-wood Park v Scunthorpe Vipars v Madock, Second division west: Burlon v Newbold, Keresley v Sutton Celdfield, Whitchusch v Stafford, Wolverhampton v Broad Street, Worcester v Bromsgrove East Midlands and Laicestershire Belgrave v Ampfillit; Coalville v Lutierworth Luton v Hinckley, Northampton Boys Brigade v Kettering; Westingborough v Stoneygate Norta, Liftics and Derby; Kesteven v Stealord, Mellish v Glossop, Southwell v Lincoh; Spadling v West Brigglord; Stamlord v Chesterfield, North Midlands: Luclonians v Woodrush, Ludlow v Chesterfield, North Midlands: Luclonians v Woodrush, Ludlow v Chesterfield, North Midlands: Luclonians v Woodrush, Ludlow v Chesterfield, North Midlands: Luclonians, Old Halesonians v West Midlands Police, Shrewsbury v Dudley Staffs and Warwicks: Ecclephall v Staffs and Warwicks: Eccleshall v Coventry Welsh, Kenilworth v Newcasile (Staffs); Nuneaton Old Edwardi v Leek, Old Leamingtonians v Tamworth, Old

(stans); nuneation tile Edward v Less Old Leanmystonans v Tamworth, Old Longtonans v Willenhall North First division: Birkenhead Park v Rotherham Hartlepool Rovers v Hull Ionans, Sandal v Stockton: Tynedale v Wigton Widnes v Bradford and Bingley Second division: Hafilax v Alivinck, Old Crossleyans v Sandhach; Wharledale v Carlsle, Wigan v Northwich; Wast Park (St Helens) v Huddersfield, North West; First division: Davenport v Checter, Marichester v Egremont; New Brighton v St Edwards Old Boys, Sedgley Park v Cockermouth, Wirml v Caldy Second division: Blackburn v Old Aldwinders; Merseyside Police v Warnington, South Liverpool v Netherhall, Wilmslow v Kirthly Lonsdale, Workington v Ashthon on Mersey North East; First division: Morpeth v Blaydon, Novocashrans v Bramley, Old Brodleans v West Park Bramhope, Ponterset v Kenghley, Roundhegans v Gales head Fell Second division: Old Hymenans v Westos, Redcar v Ashington Ripon v Britangton; Rockciff v Beverley, Selby v Bryth. Second division: Halifex v Alnwick, Old

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE:
Blackheath v Tulse Hill

CLUB MATCHES: Man: Beeston v
Nottagham, Bristel v Imperal: Bromley v
Richmond, Cardilf v Frebrands. Formby v
Browdon, Havarii v Canterbury; Isca v
Brean, Betton v Warnington, Lyons v
Dulwinch, Marlow v Bro-dourine, Neeton v
Brooklande, Olton and W Warwicka v
High Wyrombs. Woman: Brackmell v
Eastcote: Cambridge City v Petarborough, City of Protismouth v Bourremouth; Clifton v Protowick, Doncaster v
Bredford, Dulwich v Woking, Great
Harwood v Hightoen, Ipsauch v Herteston
Magnes, Loughborough v Workspy;
Marlow v Slough; Northsampton v Olton
and W Warwicks, Redland v Exmouth;
Saracers v Kettering, Sheffield v Sherwood, Timperley v Liverpool, WGC v
Chelmsford; Winnington Park v Springfields; Worthing V Trojens; Yafe v Colwall.

BASKETBALL WORLD INVITATION CLUB CHAM-PIONSHIPS (Crystal Palace). PIONSHIPS (Crystal Plates).
CARLSBERG NATIONAL CLIP: Men:
Third round: Bury v London (7:30);
Chittem v Kingston (7:30); Doncaster v
Sunderfand (7:30). Hernel Hempstead v
Derby (8:0); Leicester v Ware (7:30).
Oldham v Birmingham (7:30); Worthing v
Cheshire (8:0). Women: Second round:
Hemel Hempstead v Harlesden (6:0)

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-HEINEREN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Ayr Raders v Murrayfield Racers. Humberside Soahswiss v Bracknell Bees, Norwich and Pater-borough Praies v Durham Wasps. First division: Basingsloke Beavers v Romford Raders, Fite Piyers v Lee Valley Lions; Slough Jets v Milton Keynes Kings: Swindon Wildcats v Trafford Metros, Letland Tigers v Blackburn Blackhawks

VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Newcastle (Statis) VC v Coventry Riga, Aquila v Hilton Leeds: Speedwelf Rucanor v Wessex, Polonia Ealing v Reeboli Liverpool City: eam Mizuno Malory v Manchester Uto

HAVEN COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Frith round: Way Valley v Paddington. Cyphers v Croydon, Angel v Presion. East Dorset v Arun, Gatestead v Cumbria, Darrington v Hartbonale Plantand Beautington v Hartispool, Blackpool Bornugh v Swinton, Spakling v Notlingham Whitehrights v Brackley, Bristol v Cotswold, Dorchester v British Cellophane Plymouth Civil Service & Torbey; Chy of Bry March GER, Kingsthorpe v Aven Valley, Browston Hall v North Walsham, Barking v Ipswich,

ATHLETICS. Mint Games (NIA. Burningham): IAAF world cross challenge Summinami: IAAF world cross challenge (Mallusis, Northern Ireland), CYCLO-CROSS: General Portfolio natanal open championship (Harlow, 2 30). DARTS: Embassy World professional championships (Frimley Green) SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic

Dil in liter

Cheerful Barrow jumps aboard sinking Swinton

THE man with the most thankless task in the Stones Bitter championship first division is Tony Barrow. The former Warrington and Oldham coach was yesterday appointed coach of Swinton who are four points adrift at the bottom of the table, apparently bound for another drop at the end of the season. Barrow will have as his assistant, Billy Benyon, the former Warrington and St Helens

The resilient and cheerful Barrow, who has been working as a radio commentator since his sacking by Oldham 12 months ago, is optimistic. He said: "It's great to be back in coaching. It's a tough job. but I always give of my best and am looking forward to the challenge.

His first assignment with the team is not an encouraging one, with the long trip to Humberside to face the rapidly improving Hull Kingston Rovers on Monday night, a match moved to Monday to accommodate satellite

At the other end of the table, Leeds travel to Warrington. Wigan won at Wilderspool on new year's

which Warrington were unlucky to finish so far behind, and if Leeds emerge unscathed then their challenge for the title will seem a serious

good, and it is hard to see Wakefield Trinity overturning them at Central Park tomorrow. Despite the rib in-jury to Dean Bell, Wigan are getting over their injury crisis and have international players to spare for all positions. St Helens produced the vic-

tory of the day on Wednesday when their 12 men beat Widnes with a last gasp try from Ward, and they travel to Salford for tomorrow evening's game. Salford have lost ground

badly since their rousing Regal Trophy semi-final against Leeds, and having rediscovered winning form the Saints should maintain their challenge at the top of the first division.

The Widnes coach, Frank Myler, was disappointed and angered by his team's failure to beat 12-men despite leading 14-2 and 22-18, and he will call for greater defensive application and greater disci-

pline in tomorrow's home game with Castleford. The Yorkshire visitors, who were denied victory at Wakefield by a last-minute try, are struggling to keep up with the pack at the top of the table, and another defeat would surely end any realistic hopes of a Castleford championship this

Dil en liab

In the second division, the leaders, Leigh and Sheffield Eagles, have testing away games at Workington and Rochdale respectively, and London Crusaders, who are putting in a bold bid for promotion, should enhance their challenge with victory over the bottom club, Ryedale

While Martin Offiah's long-awaited transfer from Widnes was finally resolved yesterday, stalemate remains regarding the Leeds full back, John Gallagher. No further overtures have been made for the New Zealander.

Leigh at least have signed two backs from St Helens. They paid £15,000 for David Tanner, who was a first team regular at the start of the season, and have obtained Kevin McCormack on loan until the end of the season.

SKIING

Slovenes bill Tomba first

Krazjska Gora: Alberto Tomba and Paul Accola resume their Alpine World Cup battle today as Slovenia hosts its first important sports competition here since breaking away from Yugoslavia.

The sialom and giant slalom on Vitranc mountain will be run with no Yugoslav flags, insignia or team. Slovenia announced its independence on June 25 and has received recognition from the International Ski Federation

Tomba, who usually commands a noisy retinue of of Italian supporters, has won Accola by 59 points in the Krizaj and Rok Petrovic in champion.

overall standings but has not as wide a range of abilities as the Swiss. This explains his threat to quit the World Cup if cancelled combined races from St Anton, including downhill, go ahead on January 13 at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The Italian complains that rescheduling the combined event can only help his rivals, particularly Accola, in the overall World

Local supporters, who always turn out in force, will be hoping their young Slovenian team can produce something of the form that won first and

Cup standings.

1986. Yugoslavia's best skiers have always been Slovenes. The women will also be in

action tomorrow, with, Petra Kronberger, the World Cup holder, tackling the giant stalom at Oberstaufen, in Germany, and hoping to recover last season's dominant form. Just before Christmas the France and a win tomorrow and in the slalom on Monday would help intimidate her rivals before the Olympics.

She leads the overall rankines with 351 points shead of the German, Katia Seizinger and the Swiss, nere twice before. He leads second places for Bojan VreniSchneider, the Olympic



Well balanced: Bartlett aims for a third

Barcelona is the next target for captain Bartlett

TERRY Bartlett is one sig-nificant reason why the British men's gymnastics team is going to the Olymnic Games in July. For the first time in their own right. Britain have joined the 12 elite nations who may send a full squad of six to Barcelona, having qualified at the world championships in Indianapolis last year.

Throughout the final voluntary exercises. Britain had to protect their slender lead over France. The calming captaincy of Bartlett helped his younger seam-mates clinch qualification. under acute pressure, by only .01 of a point.

Gymnastics is essentially a challenge for individuals. but at the world championships s we had to perform to another dimension," Bartlett said. The easy-going Barlett, aged 29, is highly popular with those under his captaincy. He has competed in five world championships, the first in 1983. and two Olympic Games. He has also represented Britain in the Commonwealth Games and World Born in North Baddesley.

in Hampshire, he was aged seven when his aptitude was spotted by the Southampton Amateur Gymnastics Club. He remained with Southampton until he was 16, coached by BH Cos-grave, with whom he adranced steadily to national level. He was an international champion at the age of nine, when he won his category in the first world age-group tumbling championships. in 1980, a double success

provided him with expert training abroad. A scholarship took him to the Central Army gymnastics centre in Moscow and later, as the Thames Television junior gymnast of the year, he used a training grant in the United States, where he fin-ished his schooling.

He won the American junior Olympics in the following year, which led to a sports scholarship at Pennsylvania State University, where he gained several All-American college titles and graduated in exercise Peter Aykroyd on a gym-nast who has led Britain to a coveted place in the world's elite

During that time he re-turned to Britain nearly evcry year for the national championship to qualify for international selection; in 1985, he won the overall

He left the United States in 1988, but soon after, a ruptired shoulder nearly ended his career. However, a successful operation enabiled him to join the British team which climbed from eighteenth place to thirteenth at the 1989 world championships in Stutt-

In 1990 he became the first British male winner of Champions All, Britain's annual international tournament, as well as British

He trains full-time at the national gymnastics centre at Lilleshall with Eddie van Hoof, the British coach, supported by grants from the Sports Aid Foundation and the BAGA, A balanced all-rounder, he enjoys all six disciplines but, with his penchant for tumbling, is. perhaps most relaxed on

His future is undecided. He could become a coach, as he already instructs young gymnasts at Lilleshall and he also took the Oxford team through athletic-style exercises before last year's university rugby match.
For the moment, howev-

er, his thoughts are concentrated on Barcelons. If selected, he will be competing in his third Games, a record no British gymnast has matched in modern times. He is involved in rigorous team training, which includes high-altitude training in the United States as well as several international competitions.

The British team will not bring medals back from Barcelona, and Bartiett does not pretend that they will. With such positive leadership, however, Britain may yet again surprise the other members of the

HOCKEY British in need of corner practice

Great Britain... Southgate....

FROM SYDNEY PRISEIN IN BARCELONA

IN THE shadows of the Olmpic stadium now nearing completion, Great Britain and Southgate played a training match yesterday on a newly-laid artificial our pitch.

The game was arranged in haste to prepare both sides for the Los Reyes tournament which starts today at the Real Club de Polo where Britain will play under the name of

The British team was worth more than the single goal scored yesterday in the 28th minute by Hacker. In the second half they squandered eight short corners.

Southgate, who arrived without five of their regular players, did not mind losing. Under the new scheme of rolling substitutes, they used all their young players in a useful workout against superior opponents.

As their attack gathered momentum midway in the second half, Southgate had their best chance of levelling the score from a move initiated by Soma Singh, but Luckes came out of goal to smother a shot by Freeman. It was at this time that Hounslow arrived to compete in the tournament.

"This is a five-day training veckend," Bernie Cotton, the British team manager, said. 'We are allowing the six Hounslow members of our squad to play for their club when needed. The preparation time for the Champions Trophy in Karachi next month is short and this will give us the opportunity of seeing as many players as possible in action."

There are 24 players here and the team chosen for yesterday's match was different from the one on the previous day that beat Real Club de Polo 2-0.

GREAT BRITAIN D Lucies: R HE, P Boland, R Davis, d Lasiett, S Nickin, C Mayer, D Hector, N Thompson, P Ned, J Lee. SOUTHSATE: M Shier; M Spray, Some Singh, C Picken, P Bossel, G Gisborne, N Clark, D Keny, C Gray, R Freerons, S Keny,

ATHLETICS

Martin tackles Kamau

WHILE other leading British athletes have opted to help launch Birmingham's new National Indoor Arena this weekend, Eamonn Martin has chosen a more familiar venue for his first appearance in Olympic year (a Special

Correspondent writes). He returns to Mallusk today to defend the Reebok international cross country title he won 12 months ago in appalling conditions. But it would not bother Martin if he had to step out again in gale force winds and rain."If I win. I don't care how bad the conditions are." he said.

NO MATTER what bugs,

viruses and other winter ail-

ments that come to plague us,

there is one that can be relied

on to begin and end in Janu-

ary - Super Bowl fever. It is

with us again: eight teams are

playing off this weekend, hop-

ing to reach the Super Bowl

at the Metrodome in Minne-

As an antidote, Channel 4

Depending upon your out-

look, you either blame or

and Sky Sports are providing

more than the usual screen

time for American football.

apolis in three weeks.

Mallusk will provide an early opportunity for Martin to gauge his fitness, especially with Julius Karjuki Kamau, of Kenya, in the field. Kamau last Saturday won the County Durham race at Beamish, taking nine seconds out of Richard Nerurkar, the Eng-

Super Bowl makes its return

lish national champion. The women's race pits the

overall leader of the IAAF World Cross Challenge, Catherina McKiernan, of Ireland, against the defending champion, Susan Sirma, of Kenya, with Olga Bondarenko, of Russia, also in the field.

SPORT ON

TELEVISION

THE WEEK

IN VIEW

ducing us to a sport that has

such a hold on Americans

that President Ronald

Reagan once altered his inau-

guration celebration to avoid

Although the regular Brit-

ish television audience has

dwindled to around a million.

it swells during the play-offs

a clash with the big game.

TABLE TENNIS

Chen takes top billing

CHEN Xinhua, the former World Cup-winner from China who now plays for England, is the men's singles top seed in the Cleveland International Open at the Thornaby Pavilion today and tomorrow, even though the entire Chinese squad that has just completed a 4-1 winning lead in the series against England is included among the eight nations taking part (Richard

Eaton writes). Nevertheless, England could easily have turned the tables on the Chinese, despite the 4-2 defeat at the South Kesteven centre on Thursday,

zines generate greater inter-

est. As a result, there is an

additional programme on

Channel 4 tonight (8.45pm-

12.30am) showing the Den-

ver Broncos and Houston

Oilers live while reviewing

highlights of the game be-

tween the Atlanta Falcons

and Washington Redskins.

The regular Sunday pro-gramme (8.30pm) has cover-age of the Buffalo Bills v Kansas City Chiefs play-off, with highlights of the Dallas

Cowboys meeting the Detroit

Nicky Home continues his

regular weekly NFL report on

because Alan Cooke inflicted a first defeat of the series on Xie Chaojie, the Finnish Open champion, and held a match-point against the English Open champion, Yu Shentong. Chen, also won once and led Yu 17-14 in the final game.

That victory was Chen's fifth in the series for England against his former compatriots, but it was achieved at some cost. The adopted Yorkshireman is so tired that he was allowed to withdraw from England's squad for today's Butterfly-sponsored team event at Cleveland.

Balasani 5-1 for Ladbroke

By Dick HINDER

THE gamble on Balasani for The Ladbroke hurdle at Leopardstown next Saturday gathered significant momentum yesterday.

Martin Pipe's five-year-old, on a tempting 9st 13lb for Ireland's richest handicap hurdle, was heavily supported down to 5-1 clear favouritism (from 7-1) with the sponsors. Liam Browne's Clippie

day, remains a 6-1 chance. Balasani gained many admirers with the style of his victory in the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown at the end of November, showing an impressive turn

Latest prices: 5-1 Balasani, 6-1 Clippie Lad, 9-1 Jungle Knife, 10-1 How's The Boss, 12-1 Native Mission, Sime-

A THREE-MAN delegation representing the nation's 500 racehorse trainers will meet the Jockey Club's senior steward next week to ask why they have been excluded from membership of the proposed

Lad, well handicapped on his Leopardstown effort last Sun-

of foot on the run-in to overhaul Native Mission by two

non, Riverhead, 14-1 others.

meeting with Lord Hartington on Tuesday.

British Horseracing Board. The absence of a seat for trainers on the new ruling body was one of the more obvious omissions in the blueprint outlined by Lord "Stok-

er" Hartington in his Gimerack speech last month. Membership should be confined to owners, racecourses, the Jockey Club and two representatives from the Horseracing Advisory Coun-

cil, the senior steward said. Not surprisingly, the ap-parent snub to trainers has reinforced doubts among some sectors of the racing industry about the extent of the Jockey Club's commit-

ment to power sharing. Peter Cundell, president of the National Trainers' Federation, will be joined by Luca Cumani and Toby Balding, respectively the chairmen of the NTFs Flat and National

Trainers seek board place

RACING

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT Hunt committees, in the

> Cundell said last night: We have asked for a meeting with the senior steward to put forward our point of view. In . his Gimerack speech he said the principal investors in racing should be represented on the board.

"If we are not one of the princpal investors then I am a Dutchman. The amount we have invested in terms of ex-



Candell: meeting senior steward on Tuesday

pertise, livelihood and property is tremendous. There is nobody on the proposed board at the moment who actually represents the workings of the industry."

Balding commented: "Our biggest worry is that we don't see on that board who is going to speak for us unless there is a total restructuring of the Horseracing Advisory Council. We certainly feel we have a right to a voice."

Somewhat controversially, he added: "We think we represent more owners than the Racehorse Owners' Assoc-

Cumani added: "I think we should be represented. Not only do trainers' livelihoods depend on the health of the racing industry, but we also invest a lot in our stables and a lot of trainers are owners."

The meeting between the NTF and Lord Hartington will take place 24 hours before Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club, speaks to the HAC about the restructuring proposals.

praise Channel 4 for intro- as newspapers and maga-Sky Sports on Wednesday THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Footbalt dominates as the first and second division clubs enter the FA Cup. Grandstand (BBC1. 12.15pm) and Saint in Greavsie (Trv. 1.10pm) preview the weekend is third-round ties, Match of the Dey (BBC1 10.55pm) has highlights of three matches and Sky Sports (6pm) has a two-hour round-up of all the top matches Channel 4 Racing (12.5pm) features the Anthony Mildmay. Peter Cazalet Chase at Sandown Park and Sky Sports presents the first part of a series looking at the 12 yachts which contest the America's Cup 1992 (4pm). Live coverage of the Pans to Cape Town Rally can be found on Eurosport (8.30pm and 11pm). TODAY: Football dominates as the

TOMORROW: Match of the Day (BBC1, 3pm) has Leeds and Manchester United meeting sgain at Elland Road and afterwards the FA Cup tourth-round draw. In the Mercantile Credit snooker, Stephen Hendry meets Dennis Taylor (ITV, 3 55pm) and the great, Juan Manuel

Fanglo, is profiled on Channel 4 (8pm). Extended highlights of an NFL play-off game are also on Channel 4 (8.30-10pm). MONDAY: Crewe Alexandra enter-

MONDAY: Crewe Alexandra entertain Liverpool in the FA Cup live (Sky Sports, 7 30pm) with high-lights on BBC1 (11.05pm). Two latenight shows catch the eye. Sportsworld Extra (ITV, 12.45am) in which Payne Stewart, John Daly, Jack Nicklaus and Curtis Strange play for \$450,000 in a United States Skims game, and Superbouts (Sky Sports, midnight) which recalls the Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard fight in Las Veges in April 1987.

fight in Las Vegas in April 1997.

TUESDAY: Sky Sport's build-up to Super Bowl XXVI begins with the NFL's finest teams and players, beginning with the quarterbacks (10am). The 1964 FA Cup final, when West Ham beat Preaton North End 3-2, is remembered by Bobby Moore (Sky Sports 3.30pm) as an anti-climax after their brilliant semifinal victory over Manchester United. Fred Trueman (BBC2, 8.45am)

visits some of his levourite Northern WEDNESDAY; More cup footbell,

WEDNESDAY: More cup footbell, but this time in the Rumbelows Cup on ITV (10.45pm). Tony Francis introduces lest eight action followed by the quarter-finals of the Mercantile Classic snooker. Second round of the NFL play-offs sees the Denver Broncos against the Houston Oilers (Sky Sports, 10pm). THURSDAY: Snooker (2.20pm and 11.35pm, ITV) and the Embassy world darts championship (the previous day's highlights at 2pm; today's two quarter-finals at 11.15pm, BBC2) are all that terrestrial television offers. Sky Sports has world championship boxing in trial television offers Sky Sports has world championahip boxing in Rungside (8pm) and Eurosport continues live coverage of the Paris to Cape Town Rally (9 and 11.30pm). FRIDAY: Mike Gatting assesses England's winter cricket tour in Sport on Friday (BBCZ, 2pm) MFL—The Best Ever reaches its climax on Sky Sporta (10am) and Sky also profiles another American legand—Sugar Ray Robinson (10pm).

(10pm-midnight). There is no live play on Sky Sports, since Channel 4 holds this season's exclusive rights. It is a pity, therefore, that Sky's build-up to Super Bowl

is a little disappointing. Although it may look promising enough with special hourlong programmes daily from Tuesday to Friday at 10am looking at the best of the game — quarterbacks, run-ners and teams, with a Friday summary, Legends of the Fall
in reality, the films are ten
years old and fail to convey very much of the last decade. when British interest has been captured.

Seven teams are examined, including the Los Angeles Rams of the Fifties and the Oakland Raiders of the Seventies, but the title of "best team" is accorded to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Forty years of failure were

followed by a decade of victory, sustained excellence that brought eight straight playoff appearances and Super Bowl victories in 1975, 1976, 1979 and 1980, inspired by players such as Terry Bradshaw, the quarterback and Franco Harris, the running back. Some of Thurs-day's action from The Best Teams is superb, but none the less no list of teams since 1950 is complete without an analysis of the team of the Eighties, the San Francisco

Newton Abbot

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Southwell

8.10 (1m) 1, Buddy (E Bentley, 11-2); 2, Lezze Drippin (16-1); 2, Breitherhaltection (6-1), Invigilate 3-4 fav. 11 ran. 3/sl., 1/sl., M Bell. Tote: 62:00; 52:00, 53:10, 52:00. DF: 227.80. CSF: 281.69. Tricest: 2506.70.

2.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,872; 2m 1f) (12)

1 BRAZIER BOY A Lavis 7-11-0 T Jarvis
2 F. BUSTONIAN 221 W A Staphenson 6-11-0 K Johnson
3 FOF6 GYMCRAK DAWN 9 (G) Mrs J Jordan 7-11-0 M Sharrett (7)
4 -384 MAN OF THE GRANGE 9 O Brennen 6-11-0 S J O'Nelli
5 NORTHERN GLINT N Tinkler 5-11-0 M HII

7 492 STEF THE GREEK 26 (BF) M Hammond 5-11-0

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Mr S Lyons (7)
11 823- MEGA BLUE 278 (V) Mrs V Aconley 7-10-9. B Storey
12 4F-5 ROCHESTOWN LASS 15 P Dation 6-10-9.. J J Culton

1 -P2P BOBBIE STACK 21 (D.F.G) J J O'Nell B-11-18 B Storey 2 4312 RIVER HOUSE 14 (D.F.G) W A Stephenson 10-11-8

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8 Currenghem
8 P.P. MASTER CORNET 8 (CO.G.) B Rothwell 7-10-0
5 Keightley

5-2 River House, 7-2 Creeager, 5-1 Bobbia Stack, 11-2 Ebony Swell, 6-1 Clares Own, 8-1 Master Cornet, 38-1 others.

tional Hunt flat race: £1,563: 1m 6f) (20)

8 P-45 EBONY SWELL 16 (CD.G.S) S Campion 11-10-11

12-4 Northern Gint, 4-1 Stef The Graek, 5-1 Eastly Mandrina, 7-1 Man Of The Grange, Doby Prince, 10-1 Bustonian, 12-1 others.

3.20 LOUTH HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,028: 3m) (8)

5 NORTHERN GLINT N Tricker 5-11-0 Mrs 8 Bruttel 5-11-0

Gallant Mr Frisk to lead the way

Lingfield a fortnight ago.
Thefford Forest, who was

KIM Bailey, who saddled his first winner with Shifting Gold in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Chase, can repeat that victory today at: Sandown Park with Mr last season's Hennessy Gold Frisk, who will be ridden Cup, was a bitter disappoint-

of Street

COLUMN TOWN

The Many of

again by Marcus Armytage.
Since that memorable victory 14 years ago, Bailey has carried all before him in staying steeplechases. Mr Frisk has been one of the main contributors, winning the Grand National and the Whitbread Gold Cup for the "Upper Lambourn trainer

Despite his advancing 'years and top weight, I expect Mr Frisk to prove superior to Party Politics and the disapo pointing Arctic Call

This season, Party Politics has run two outstanding races when runner-up to Carvill's Hill in the Weish ". National and Chatam in the Hennessy Gold Cup.
However, I feel Party Politics had had two very hard

races and another factor

MANDARIN

1.45 Katabatic 2.15 Lion Of Vienna.

GOING: GOOD

· 2.45 Sandhi

12.45 Mighty Falcon. 1.15 Twin Oaks.

3.15 BOLANEY BOY

the Esher course.

1.45 Katabatic.

12.45 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE

2.15 Young Hustler. 2.45 Question Of Degree. 3.15 Dewson City.

Calapaez, another course

and distance winner, can

make his experience tell in the Barn Owl Novices' Chase.

Last season, the grey ran very

well in better company over

fences, but failed to open his account until winning at

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS
12.45 Mighty Falcon.
1.15 ESHA NESS (nep).

far superior on the Flat to his against him is today's considrivals in the Baring Securities erably faster ground.

Arctic Call, the winner of Tolworth Hurdle, can gain his fourth victory over hurdles. Since switching to hur-Cup, was a bitter disappointdles, the five-year-old has ment in the Hennessy this proved an excellent jumper and is earmarked for the Sunterm; when he was pulled three fences from home. His Alliance Hurdle at the Cheltrainer Oliver Sherwood retenham festival. ported that the gelding had swallowed his tongue.

Muse, another Sun Alliance hopeful, will be his Today, the nine year-old greatest threat today. On his will have his tongue tied seasonal debut Muse was an down; but he has a tendency impressive 20-length winner to run more bad races than from Light Veneer over togood ones and is also unprovday's course and distance. He en over today's extended trip. followed up that victory by A greater worry to the selec-tion will be Rowlandsons Jewbeating Mailcom five lengths els, who reserves his best for

The David Elsworthtrained gelding will be a difficult opponent to crack, but I feel he will need a longer trip and more testing underfoot Elsworth, however; can

strike with Mighty Falcon in the Arlington Premier Series Chase at Haydock Park. The



Armytage: reunited with Mr Frisk

seven-year-old has taken three outings to find his form. but is a useful performer at his best. This he showed last season when beaten a head by Kings Fountain at Ascot.

The three principal contenders in the Newton Chase will be seeking consolation for recent defeats; Docklands Express, who ran the race of his life when runner-up to The Fellow in the King George VI

1.45 NEWTON CHASE (Grade I: £27,310: 2m 4f) (6 numbers)

BETTRIG: 5-2 Subin Du Loir, 3-1 Docklands Express, 7-2 Katabatic, 5-1 Pat's Jester, 8-1 Golden Fred 12-1 Gold Options.

1991: SABIN DU LOIR 12-11-10 M Perrett (1-2 tev) M Pipe 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

1991: TEBITTO 8-11-4 A Carroll (12-1) D Windle 13 ran

7. 1981: RANDOLPH PLACE 10-11-12 N Doughty (8-1) G Richards 10 rsq.

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 18 (BF.F.Q.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 120____

Chase at Kempton, where Sabin Du Loir was a faller at the third last, and Katabatic, who was suffering from a virus when beaten last time out.

Today. I feel the trip will be too short for Docklands Express. The distance, however, will suit Sabin Du Loir, last year's winner, but he may be losing his edge after a busy season and I favour Katabatic.

At Chepstow last time out, Karbatic failed to stay three miles when third behind Carvill's Hill. Subsequently. he was reported to have a dirty nose. Prior to that, he showed the

form which enabled him to win last season's Queen Mother Champion Chase when beating Norton's Coin by 15 lengths over two miles at Cheostow.

For the nap, I expect the leniently handicapped Bolancy Boy to follow up his effortless victory at Wetherby by winning the Northern Handicap Hurdle.

MARKET RASEN

12.50 Sailor's Delight. 1.20 Seared Stiff. 1.50 Morgans Habour. 2.20 Hickelton Lad. 2.50 Stef The Greek. 3.20 Bobbie Stack. 3.50 Casherooski.

THUNDERER 12.50 Kissane. 1.20 Surefoot Sillars. 1.50 Jefferby. 2.20 Logamimo. 2.50 Man Of The Grange. 3.20 Bobbie Stack. 3.50 Marra's Roscoe.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

12.50 LINCOLN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

(£2.758: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 1 3312 KISSANE 15 (D.G.S) C Brond 11-11-10. Martin James 2 -633 HILL STREET 26 (D.F.G.S) Amony Fitzgerold 10-11-0 W Duran 3 3B15 SOLAR CLOUD 47 (CD,F,G,B) M Chades 10-11-3 Judy Darrice (5) 4 13-P SAILOR'S DELIGHT 46 (D,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-11

6 4144 SOUTH CROSS 9 (F.S) G Moore 7-10-2. J Callaghen 7 4060 VANTARD 9 (B.C.F) Mrs J Jorden 10-10-0 5-2 South Cross, 7-2 Kesans, 4-1 Salor's Delight, 5-1 Valen-tines Joy, 6-1 HRI Street, 10-1 Solar Cloud, 20-1 Vantard.

5 \$449 VALENTINOS JOY 9 (C.F.S.S) G Oldroyd 13-10-3

1.20 JANUARY SELLING HANDICAP

HURDLE (£1,544: 2m 1f) (13) 1 PP RUNITAGAIN 38 H Whiting 5-12-0 C Dermis (3) 2 -636 SUREFOOT SILLARS 18 (B) O Brennan 5-11-12 S J C'Nell

11-4 Krongrinz, 4-1 Leguerd Express, 5-1 Dulzura, 7-1 Herd To Get, 8-1 Scared Strif, 10-1 Sureftoot Sillers, 12-1 others.

1.50 SLEAFORD NOVICES HURDLE

U SICHIBRIN NORMAN 48 Jimmy Rizgereid 511-6
D Syme
S2/ THIS NETTLE DANGER 516 O Brenner 8-11-6
S JC YN-68
O VIVA BELLA 7 Mrs S Bramet 5-11-6. J D 'Gorman
O/P WARRIOR'S PRICMSES 5 D Wilsens 7-11-5 G Moore
F-DF YORK IMPERIAL 8 B Geo 11-11-6. Mr P Geo
O FANTASY WORLD 31 J Ringer 6-11-1 G O Upton
P. JUST GEORGIE 221 C Berrier 6-11-1 G Debton (7)
OS-4 LADY NDF 42 G Oldroyd 5-11-1 P Midgley (7)
MISTRESS CROSSY O Prince 5-11-1 C P Timbe (7)
OWRITOSSI 8 (30) I Campbel 4-10-5. R Campbel
O46 COMMANCHE SIGUE 8 K Morgan 4-10-1. A S Smith
3552 DE VALERA 53 W Bendley 4-10-1.

2.20 HORNCASTLE NOVICES CHASE

7-2 Morgans Herbour, 9-2 Red Cardinal, 5-1 Stormin' Norman, 6-1 Jatierby, 6-1 This Nettle Danger, 10-1 others.

4 BPG- CONSTRUCTION KING 252 R Dicks 6-11-4

AS CHERTIFIE

MANDARIN

GOING: STANDARD

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____ P Soudamore
____ R Beggen
____ A Proctor (7)
M Mann

T Well D Geffagher
D Byrne
B Carriord (5) 74

12.55 Golden Sickle. 1.25 Glenstai Priory. 2.00 Tanegrus. 2.30 Kissavos. 3.00 Rushanes. 3.30 Fort THUNDERER

12.55 Easy Match. 1.25 Sailor Boy. 2.00 Double Echo. 2.30 Sarum. 3.00 Super Heights. 3.30 Doesyoudoes.

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

12,55 SAN SEBASTIAN MAIDEN STAKES (£2,245: 6f) (11 runners)

1 O- CLETT'S SUPPER 15 C HB 4-9-2 P Bone (7) 7
2 255- ÉASY MATCH 112 C HB 5-9-2 N Adems 6
3 350- LONESOME DOVE 86 J White 4-9-2 F Norton (5) 11
4 5-2 GOLDEN SICKLE 3 (8F) W O'Gormen 3-8-5 Ensire O'Gormen (5) 7
5 023- MYASHA 18 (E) Mrs. L Piggott 3-8-5 J Williams 4
6 P LAN MORE ACTION 21 J Alvahumt 3-8-5 R Price (5) 2
7 SAVINIER P Federal 3-8-5 Dale (Sibson 3
5 SLAMMER DOPRESS J Souring 3-8-5 G Berdwell 8
9 GAMINO A RONDA Pat Metchell 3-8-0
C Hawksley (7) 10

9 CAMINO A RONDA Pat Michell 3-8-0 C Hawksky (7) 10 10 9- REACH ME MOT 8 C Holmes 3-8-0 S Deseron 8 11 520- SHOCKING TIMES 72 R Simpson 3-8-0 S Whithwarth 9-4 Alyusuba, 11-4 Colition Sickie, 7-2 Shocking Times, 8-2 East Majich, 12-1 Lenseome Dove, 14-1 Plan More Action, 16-1 others.

1.25 vigo claiming stakes £2,402: 1m 4f) (16)

1 000- FACT OR FICTION 58 (V.CO.F) Miss B Sanden; 6-9 F Norton (5) 12 2 565- ABIGAIL'S DREAM 33J (C.F) J Jenkins 5-92 S Whitworth !

3 203- SALLOR BOY 8 (D.F) R Abshurst 6-89 -- Millhoorth 5 4 060- LINE DRUMMER 23 (E) P Koleway 4-8-8 J Williams 18 5 202- ADJACENT 23 (CD.S) M Discon 5-8-7 -- A Tucker (S) 2 6 410- ADJACENT 23 (CD.S) M Discon 4-8-3 N Gwiffliams (S) 8 CARLOWITZ 18J A Moore 4-9-2 -- N Adams 8 6 085- GLENSTAL PRIORY 46 (P) P C00 5-8-2 C Ruster 13 9 220- CHLOES DIAMOND 37 (F) J Speams 4-7-13 G Berdwell 3 410-410 (P) P C000000010 NTV 2 (D.S.) I Speams 4-7-13 (R. Berdwell 3 410-410 (P) P C00000010 NTV 2 (D.S.) I Speams 4-7-13 10 312- KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 7 (D.6) J Pauce 4-7-13

11 6/5- SHY MAIDEN 32.1 (8/F) C Wesdon 47-13.... R Fox 15
12 331- LIFETIMES AMBITION 42.1 (0,F) T Casey 47-12
13 0- CAMOMILE 189 D Montey 47-11... 1 Codes 14

52 Salor Boy, 4-1 Kirby Opportunity, 5-1 Adjacent, 6-1 Hapburn, 6-1 Glanetal Prory, 10-1 Lifetimas Ambiton, Adjanstan, 12-1 others.

2.00 SANTIAGO HANDICAP (£2,206: 1m 2l) (14)

1 249- TARA'S DELIGHT 8 (D.F.G.S) M Ryan 5-10-0 1 242- TARA'S DELIGHT § (D.F.G.S) M Ryan 5-10-0
D Biggs (3) 10
2 434- TANEGRUS 93 D Beworth 4-9-12....... J Hurster (7) 4
3 011- DOUBLE ECHO 8 (CD) J Berholl 4-8-11
D Harrison (7) 14
4 299- DANCE ON SOPPINCE 21 (V.F.G) H Collegating 15
5 00-5 PIMS CLASSIC 3 (B.C) W Haggas 49-11... M Hills 8
6 000- EL DOMMEO 37 (B.S) K Currengham-Brown
4-8-11 G Berhweil 2
7 600- MODESTO 8 (D.B.S) K Currengham-Brown

7 600- MODESTO 8 (D.B.S) K Cunangham-Brown 48-115 Dawson 12

8 024 WILEYS FOLLY 8 (F) 5 Dow 6-8-8...... J Williams 3 9 205 SHAURNI GIRL 17 R King 4-8-7..... L Newton (5) 7 10 8/6- ARDENT GROOM 224 T Jones 4-8-5..... R Price (5) 9 11 002- BALLEBINA BAY 18 (6) D From 4-8-4.... N Adams 1 2 400- SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 8J W Carter 4-8-2 N Gwilliams (5) 13 000- PURE BLISS 17 R Hodges 5-8-1.... Date Glisson 6 14 000- TAPESTRY DANCER 18 (V) M Haynes 4-7-11 R Fox 5

From 5 5-2 Tara's Delight, 3-1 Double Echo, 4-1 Tanegrus, 6-1 Wileys Folly, 8-1 Dance On Sixpence, 10-1 Bullerwa Bey, 12-1 others

3.50 EBF STAKES

CASHEROOSKI Mrs G Reveiley 4-11-0..... R Bellamy (3)
CASHEROOSKI Mrs G Reveiley 4-11-0..... R Hodge (5)
DON'T MOAN M Tomplates 4-11-0...... J Ryan (3)
RHOMAN COIN B Rothwell 4-11-0...... J Ryan (3)
RHOMAN COIN B Rothwell 4-11-0...... D Bentley (7)
SHANNON KING Jarmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0

VIKING GENERAL Mrs S Branall 4-11-0

VIKING GENERAL Mrs S Branall 4-11-0 J H Buriss (7)
WHY NOT EQUIDANE D Eddy 4-11-0 ... J Callegham
WSSHING GATE in Hammond 4-11-0 ... Mr S Lyons (7)
BETTY ELSTON J Thorps 4-10-8 ... Annetze Sillsony (7) Casherooski, 4-1 Sunset Rock, 6-1 Marra's Roscoe, Don't en, 8-1 Shannon King, 10-1 Wishing Gete, 14-1 others

TRAINERS: D Eddy, 3 minners from 8 runners, 37.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 15 from 45, 33.3%; N Traider, 24 from 73, 32.9%; Jenny Fitzgerald, 27 from 101, 26.7%; J Wharfon, 10 from 33, 26.3%, M Tompolare, 3 from 13, 26.1%; J Wharfon, 10 from 32, 26.3%; K Johnson, 7 from 25, 30.4%; A Webb, 4 from 15, 26.7%; J Ryan, 6 from 24, 25.0%; B Dalfon, 3 from 12, 25.0%; P Neven, 20 from 100, 20.0%.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Pipe proved right

MARTIN Pipe's predictions are usually accurate and the champion trainer had it right again when Minnehoma returned from a 21-month lay off to win the Cockington Novices' Chase at Newton Abbot yesterday. Pipe telephoned the gelding's owner, comedian Freddie Starr, 15 minutes before the race to tell him the horse would win.

Although recent course winner Calabrese looked to have Miinnehoma's measure turning out of the back straight. Peter Scudamore moved the favourite up a gear and was in control before the final fence. Pipe believes Milinnehoma can make his mark in top company over fences and he is likely to run in Cheltenham's Sun Alliance Chase. ske ur ur ad

2.30 BILBAO HANDICAP

3.00 LIMA HANDICAP (£2,186: 67) (11).

4-1 Everset, 9-2 Sports Poet Lady, 5-1 Super Heights, 11-2 Assignment, 5-1 Tauber, 7-1 Murmuning, 8-1 Rushanes, 10-1 others

3.30 SANTANDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,049: 5f) (6)

7-4 Decayoudces, 5-2 Mylindolmusic, 7-2 Fort Hope, 5-1 Fiat Rate, 8-1 Do The Business, 12-1 Ossie

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: W O'Gorman, 15 winners from 80 numbers 25.0%; D Fisconth 5 from 27, 18 5%; J Jenkins, 9 from 51 TRAINERS: W O GOTTMEN, 10 WARREST NOT 10: 125.0%; D Fiswerth 5 From 27, 18 5%; J Jenkins, 9 from 51, 17 6%; C HB, 3 from 17, 17,6%, M Feitherston-Godfey, 6 from 35, 17 1%, C C Etzey, 8 from 57, 15.8%. JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 12 winners from 51 rides, 23.5%, Alex Greeves, 8 from 40, 20,0%, 5 O'Gormen, 13 from 71, 18.3%; M Halls, 11 from 50, 18.3%; R Wernham, 8 from 45, 17 8%, J Williams, 30 from 202, 14.9%.

Good Profile stars

GOOD Profile enjoyed little more than an exercise gallop at Edinburgh yesterday as he continued his gentle build-up for the big juvenile races later in the year. Sent off at 10-1 on to stretch his unbeaten run to three in the Harcros Scottish Juvenile Hurdle qualifier.

George Moore, his trainer, will now send Good Profile to Cheltenham on January 25 as further preparation for his main target, the Glenlivet Hurdle at the Aintree Grand National meeting.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Lingfield Park, Wolverhampton, Southwell (AW). TUES-DAY: Chapstow, Laicester, Lingfield Park (AW). WEDNESDAY: Plumpton, Kalso, Southwell (AW). THURSDAY: Wincenton, Edinates Langfield Reak (AW). EPIburgh, Lingfield Park (AW). FRI-DAY: Ascol, Weltherby, Southwell (AW). SATURDAY: Ascol, Newcastle, Market Rasen, Warwick, Lingfield Park (AW).

(Flat meetings in bold)

Blinkered first time







FORM FOCUS

2.05 BARING SECURITIES TOLWORTH HURDLE

301 024-122 BAS DE LAINE 19 (D.BF.G) (R Bids Ltd) O Sherwood 6-11-7.

(Grade I: £14,120: 2m) (7 runners)

soff). MUSE best Wassom SI in 18-runner Chapstow (2m.

CALAPAEZ impressively beat Foodbroker Flyer 41 in 13-numer Lingfield (2m 4f, good) novice chase. FAGLAN ROAD 17I test of 4 finishing in 13-numer Lingfield (2m 4f, good) novice chase. FAGLAN ROAD 17I test of 4 finishing EMPRESS to 17 finishing in 13-numer (2m 5f, good to firm) chase. SMARTIE EMPRESS best effort when 3f 2nd of 11 to 8rave Defender in Window (2m 5f, good to firm) novices handicap chase. Selection: CALAPAEZ

301 024-122 BAS DE LAINE 19 (D.BF.G) (R Bids Ltd) O Sherwood 6-11-7. J Osborne 30
302 11642 KAHER 4 (D.BF.F.G) (F Keite) N Callegran 5-11-7. G Braciley 87
303 11 LIFT AND LOAD 7 (D.G.S) (G Howard-Spink) R Mannon 5-11-7. G McCourt 96
304 8 MULL HOUSE 9 (M Lowry) F-O-Mahorry 5-11-7. A Maguire 95
305 232-11 MUSE 14 (CD.G.S) (White Horse Recing Ltd) D Steventh 5-11-7. P Holley 993
306 01/223-1 NEW YORK RANIBOW 36 (CD.G.) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-7. J Kavanagh 90
307 111 THETFORD FOREST 28 (D.F.G.) (S Marania) D Nicholson 5-11-7. F Durwoody 96

BETTING: 11-4 Thetford Forest, 3-1 New York Rainbow, 7-2 Lift And Load, 4-1 Muse, 10-1 Katter, 12-1 Bas De Laine, 33-1 Mult House

1991: CHANGE THE ACT 6-11-7 J Osboma (9-1) O Sherwood 6 min

FORM FOCUS

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BETTING: 11-8 Party Politics, 3-1 Arctic Cell, 4-1 Rewlandsons Jawels, 5-1 Mr Frisk, 14-1 On The Twist, 20-1 Givus: A Buch. 1991: COOL GROUND 9-10-11 L Harvey (6-4 fav) R Akehunst & ran FORM FOCUS ARCTIC CALL pulled up 3 cut and ROWLAND-SONS JEWELS pulled up before 2 cut ROWLANDSONS JEWELS best Damers Carefy 21st in 4-runner Lingfield (3m, good to firm) handlosp chase with GIVUS A BUCK (9th better off) 15 last. ON THE TWIST best Persons Green reck in 6-MR FRISK 101 2nd of 4 to Bigsun in hundicap chase over course and distance (good). PARTY POLITICS, in good form the year. 201 2nd of 17 to Caryff's PH in grade III Carsi Welsh hasional at Chepstow (3m 8t. good to soft) with ON THE TWIST traded off when pulsed up 18th. Previously 4l 2nd of 15 to Chatam in grade It Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury (3m 21 82yd, good) with 3.05 ORIENTAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,990: 2m 18yd) (4 runners) Long handlesp: Came Down 9-6. BETTING: 45 My Young Man, 7-2 Campene Ash, 4-1 Acre Hill, 10-1 Cerne Down 1981: MASTER RAJH 7-11-5 M M Lynch (6-4 lev) J Chugg 4 ran FORM FOCUS MY YOUNG MAN easily best Whatever You Like it in match at Newbury (2th 160yd, good). CAMPSEA-ham (2m, good to firm) conditional jockeys' handhard for when 10%1 4th of 6 to Waterloo Soyin good it Tingle Creck Chate over course and detance (good) on peruliments start.

ACRE HILL beat Springholm 2 in 6-tinner Chaterina (2m, good to firm) conditional jockeys' handhard cap chase with CAME DOWN (3b worse off) failed detance (good) on peruliments start. 3,35 HARRIER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,921: 2m 5/75yd) (6 runners) 801 334-1F3 NEEDWOOD SPRITE 15 (V,G) (T Laadbeater) B Morgen 6-11-10........ FI Stronge 93 BETTING: 2-1 Buckingham Gate, 3-1 Needwood Sprite, 7-2 Musical Monarch, 5-1 Train Robber, 10-1 Notary-Novell, 14-1 Aguns. 1991: LAKE TEEREEN 6-11-6 T Grantham (6-1) J Gifford 9 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS** TRAINERS 25.0 25.0 20.0 16.2 16.3 13.3 8 de Hean J Osborne R Dunwoody J Frost

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BASKETBALL

Early-rise

Russians

overcome

obstacles

By Nicholas Harling

THE endless food queues in

Moscow may seem slightly more bearable for the players

and officials of CSKA Mos-

cow on their return next week

after they justified a long

overdue journey to England

vesterday with a victory, by

The Russians left Moscov

at 5am yesterday and they

were on court at Crystal Pal-

ace within five hours of land-

ing at Heathrow, apparently

none the worse for wear. Red

tape, in the form of hitches

over visas and over-booked

flights delayed them and it

was with an mixture of black

and blue tape that some of

At first Soina seemed cor

fused. It took the third-placed

club in the Swedish league

more than six minutes and

one time-out from their

coach, Waldo Teppans, to

sink their first field goal. By

then the Muscovites had

overcome their weariness to

establish a nine-point lead

but having eventually suc-

ceeded through Pavlidis, Van

Veldhuisen sank two more baskets in quick succession

for the Swedes to bring them

bers on their shirts.

79-74, over Solna in

world invitation

Gooch's new partner out second ball after England enjoy the benefit of an unusual dismissal

Stewart's failure gives cause for concern

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT. IN HAMILTON

ALEC Stewart will have good day as captain of England. He presided over one of cricket's most curious dismissals, a case of handled the ball, and was then out second ball for nought as the experiment of him opening the batting failed again.

Stewart was not downcast: to his credit, he seldom is. He said he had enjoyed his day and, in the field, it looked that way. Not without reason does he enjoy his new Surrey nickname of "Gaffer": in many ways, he was born to lead and only time will tell if he has the subtleties to go with the

England had chosen to bowl first, believing the greenish pitch on this lovely ground would aid their seam bowlers. "We thought it would do more than it actually did," Stewart, who is leading the side as a learning pace and they didn't play too many shots, but at the start of the day, we would have settled for what happened."

Well, perhaps most of it anyway, for the abiding memories of a somnolent day in the Waikato sunshine were the dismissal of Justin Vaughan, sent righteously if ruthlessly on his way by Stewart, and of the acting tour captain's second batting failure in successive days.

As on Thursday against Auckland, the bowler was Chris Pringle, who is slimmer, stronger and a shade quicker than of old. He also swings the ball consistently either way and has now twice dispatched Stewart with his second ball of an innings.

On Thursday, Stewart was yorked and he admits to still being unsure which side of the bat the ball passed. Yes-terday, he pushed tentatively at a good-length outswinger and edged it at an obliging height to wicketkeeper lan Smith. A grimace crossed Stewart's face and, at the

evitably crossed Graham

Stewart has been entrusted with the opening vacancy, despite expressing a natural preference for batting lower. If his technique proves inadequate, and the portents are not good, another unprac-ticed and silently reluctant nominee will be sent in first and the folly of not replacing Michael Atherton in the tour party will be ever more

The next contender to open would be Graeme Hick, but his entrance was protected last night by the nightwatchman, Jack Russell, the man whose batting is not thought good enough for him to keep wicket, at least in one-day games, ahead of Stewart. It would be here that a visiting American learning the game might glaze over and make a grateful exit. Sometimes, it

demonstrable.

nas no obvious logic. Russell's wicketkeeping vas a highlight yesterday. Never less than immaculate, he showed once more why he should never be left out of England's strongest side. He was also the best-placed spectator for the bizarre self-sacrifice by Vaughan.

SCOREBOARD

C Pringle and M Su's to bat. BOWLING: Lawrence 18-7-28-2: Defreits 18-7-38-2; Lawis 16-5-35-0; Gooch 11-6-14-2; Tufnell 21-7-34-1; Hick

ENGLAND XI: First innings Goods at C Smith b Pringle

The tall left-hander had entered just before lunch, at the end of a stagnant session. To prise him out. Stewart had summoned Gooch, playing a competitive game in the ranks for the first time since 1989, who was to take two ickets for nought inside his first four overs.

Vaughan and Chris Harris had then added 69 for the fourth wicket before Hick, in his second over, drew Vaughan down the pitch and beat him. Turning to recover his ground, and overbalancing in the act. Vaughan instinctively flipped the ball away from the stumps with his free hand.

The square-leg umpire, Steve Woodward, later explained: "There was a soft appeal from England, but the batsman stood there nonplussed and said he did not know he couldn't do that. We had no option but to give him out." Stewart was consulted by the umpires before they ruled, but he confirmed there was no thought of reprieving Vaughan. "It's one of those unfortunate things, but it is in the laws and as far as we were concerned, he was out. The ball was definitely hitting the

Vaughan's excuse for not knowing the laws could only be that nobody in his country manner in a first-class match since 1952. Only 35 instances are on record and the last involving an England team was that of Russell Endean, of South Africa, in the Cape Town Test match of 1956. The last instance in any Test involved Desmond Haynes, of West Indies, in Bombay in 1983-4.

Harris, who made the only half-century of the day, was also out controversially, if less unusually, to a caught-behind decision and no sooner had England taken the new ball than Smith declared. The 15 minutes remaining were more than enough to ruin



Keep your eyes on the ball: Vaughan, left, and Russell watch the ball fall towards the stumps yesterday

Bad light delays Pakistan reply

Faisalabad: Pakistan made 117 for two in response to Sri Lanka's first-innings total of 240 when bad light stopped play on the second day of the third and final Test match

here vesterday. Most of the afternoon session was lost to poor visibility. The first two Tests, also hit by bad weather, were drawn.

Pakistan resumed their innings after the tea interval at 107 for one and had added only three runs when Shoaib Mohammed was trapped legbefore by Pramodaya Wickremasinghe for 30.

Shortly afterwards, Zahid Fazal and Javed Miandad, accepted the umpires' offer to go off because of bad light. Wickremasinghe achieved

the first breakthrough after lunch, trapping Rameez Raja leg-before for 63 and ending a first-wicket stand of 102. Sanath Jayasuriya, who

was 50 not out overnight in the Sri Lankan total of 205 for nine, added 35 runs with the last man, Wickremasinghe. Jayasuriya scored 31 of them to become Sri Lanka's top scorer with 81 runs off 39 balls, including 14 boundaries.

Wagar Younis was the most successful bowler for Pakistan, taking four wickets for 87. (Agencies)

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1088 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-89, 3-130, 4-130, 5-150, 6-179, 7-185, 8-193, 9-205. BOWLING: Wasm Akram 22-8-62-2 (nb 3); Wagar Younis 21-1-87-4 (w 1), Aaqib Javed 12.1-3-46-0 (nb 2)

Salim Mailik, "Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, IMoin Khan, Wagar Younis, Salim Jariler and Aegib Jarved to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-110.

BOWLING. Ramayake 13-2-40-0; Wije-gunewerdene 16-8-21-0; Wickremasinghe 15-4-26-2, Anurasin 10-2-28-0.

India enjoy best day of series

strength at the close of the second day of the third Test against Australia here yesterday. Replying to Australia's total of 313, which was dominated by David Boon's unbeaten 129, India had reached 103 for two by stumps, with Ravi Shastri unbeaten on 52.

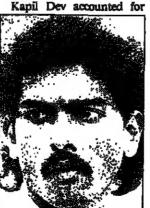
Shastri's opening partner Navjot Sidhu, drafted into the Test team just hours after flying from India, was dismissed for nought in the second over by McDermott. He had already been dropped

second ball. Manjrekar added 79 with Shastri. India's highest partnership of the series, before being caught by Waugh off Hughes. Furious with himself. Manjrekar took an angry swipe at the air as he departed for 34. With the light fading. Vengsarkar then stayed until the close, when

he was 13 not out. Australia were hindered by the loss of Reid, who bowled only four overs before tearing a stomach muscle and will not bowl again in the innings.

leg soin, but caused enough problems to suggest batting last will not be easy.

It was India's best day of the series. Earlier, they claimed Australia's last six wickets for 79 runs as the home team, who lead the series two-nil, collapsed against the second new ball. Boon, who made his eleventh Test century and his fourth at Sydney, batted for more than seven hours.



Shastri: unbeaten 52

Sydney: India were in a pos- In his absence, Shane Warne Border for the third Gavaskar said he was conition of unaccustomed bowled 19 wicketless overs of successive time with a fine ball and Prabhakar, with three wickets in 16 balls, reduced Australia to 269 for

> Boon found a willing partner in Warne, who made 20 before Kapil Dev dismissed him and Reid to finish with three for 60.

> Sunil Gavaskar, the former Indian captain, yesterday accused Australian umpires of partisan decisions in the Test series. Writing from Sydney in his column with the Times of India, he wrote: "Hope readers back home are getting an idea what the India team is up against. Not 11

> but 13 players "At most of these speaking engagements that one has seen over here, there is inevitably fun poked at Indian umpires, but then Australian umpires are even worse.

People here also joke that Javed Miandad is never given out Ibw in Pakistan. It would be interesting to find out how often Australian batsmen, especially the leading players, are given out lbw anywhere in Australia."

win over his conquerer, Matthew Dunkley, was just

another step up the tennis ladder for the Bristol giant.

survives on five square meals

a day, that should not take too

Martin is aged 15, already

Arthurton strikes 93 not out been out leg-before twice early on the first day in Sydney.

Annidale, Australia: Keith Arthurton made an unbeaten 93 to set up a 46-run victory for the West Indians over a New South Wales Country XI in a one-day match here yesterday. (AFP).

VESTERUAY. (P.P.F.)

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C.L. Hooper b Pearson

(D. Williams not out

Extres (b.1, b.4, w.8, rb.1). Total (5 wicts, 50 overs) ______266 C E L Ambrose, 5 P Patrierson, A C Cummins and H A G Anthony did not but. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-54, 3-83, 4-110, 5-222 ## 10,5-22 | 10-68-1; Doolan 10-10,5-22 | BOWLING: Bray 10-68-1; Doolan 10-62-1; Gether 0-2-35-2; Pearson 10-0-52-1; Genhard 6-1-40-0; Curry 40-29-0 | NSW COURTRY XI | Game of Anthony b Arthurton 34 | E Higgins c Hooper b Patierson 0 | G Geise b Ambrose 22 | M Curry c Williams b Anthony 27 | M Curry c Williams b Anthony 27 | Dyson c and b Richardson 70 | Browne lbw b Hooper 4 | R Merio not out 42 | P Genhard b Richardson 4 | P Genhard b Richardson 4 | S Doolan not out 2 | S Doolan not out 2 | Extras (b 7, w 5, nb 6) | 18 | Total (8 wids, 50 overs) 220

Total (8 wicts, 50 overs) . n did not but.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-32, 3-62, 4-115 5-120, 6-182, 7-207, 8-211. BOWLING: Ambrose 6-1-20-1; Patterson 7-1-38-1; Cummins 4-0-14-0; Anthony 5-0-31-1; Arthuston 10-0-48-1; Hooper 9-1-25-1; Richardson 6-1-22-3; Best 3-0-15-0.

right back into a game, which was every bit as absorbing as the stadium announcer kept telling us it was. Solna improved radically once they introduced Hahne into the back-court. A threepointer from the guard folowed by another basket

brought Solna level at 28-28 for the first time after 13 minutes, but the Russians possessed such strength in depth that by half-time ten of their players had got on the score sheet.

Soina must have rued the

fact that their interval advantage of 42-41 was not a wider started with Pavlidis in Hahne's place and once again they conceded the ini-tiative until Hahne's re-entry. Kondratov restored the Russian advantage with a three-pointer and as the lead switched back and forth, the intensity increased in the bat-tle for rebounds between the

big men of either side. Moscow soon had Korney fouled out but a further indication of their enormous resiience came with their response to having two more of their starting five, Ornotnikov and Gusev, fouled out going into the last five

Soon after Kornishin missed two free shots for the Russians, it looked like Solna's game but the third three-pointer from Kondratov was to give Moscow the lead back again with just over two minutes left. When Sehlberg restored Solna's ead from the free-throw line. it was to be the last time the Swedes were in front Uncharacteristically it was Hahne who made the crucial mistakes, losing the ball to Antipov, his opposite number, with 48 seconds left. Kudelin scored easily from

the pass and Moscow subsequently made sure of a semifinal against Prague University tonight following an offensive foul by Hahne.

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TENNIS Wainwright stays on course

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE semi-finals of the Midland Bank national junior championships at Telford have a familiar ring to them. Lizzie Jelfs, the No. 3 seed from Oxfordshire, will try to go one better than last year to overcome the top seed. Mandy Wainwright, while in the bottom half of the draw. Lorna Woodroffe will meet Sophie Jackson of Cheshire.

Perth: Jakob Hlasek took just

an hour to overwhelm Karel

Novacek 6-4, 6-4 yesterday

land over Czechoslovakia in

the final of the Hopman Cup.

His win followed Manuela

Maleeva-Fragnière's defeat

of Helena Sukova 6-2, 6-4 in

The Czechoslovak-born

Hlasek and Bulgarian-born

Maleeva-Fragnière shared

\$110,000 (£61,000) for Swit-

zerland's first victory in this

team event. They also won a

diamond-encrusted tennis

Maleeva-Fragnière played

ball valued at \$20,000.

the women's singles.

and secure victory for Switzer-

Wainwight would have her work cut out to beat the lefthanded Sarah Donovan, from Hertfordshire, but, after tense start to the first set Wainwright, soon saw through Donovan's gameplan. As he opponent got more and more frustrated, Wainwright surged ahead to a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

On paper, it looked as if

"I was a bit tentative at first," Wainwright said, "but

Exiles capture Cup for Swiss

superbly against the taller, more powerful Sukova. She

defused her opponent's po-

tentially devastating serve

and hit superb ground

Hlasek's power continually

frustrated Novacek, who was

within one warning of being

disqualified from the men's

singles. He was given a code

violation warning for racket

abuse in the first set and had

a point deducted in the sec-

ond set when he hit a ball out

That penalty enabled

Hlasek to break Novacek 3-2

and he never allowed the

of the court.

once that first set was over. I was always going to win it I was always on top mentally." Wainwright is a cheery soul. A powerful player, she

cares little who she plays or how she plays them, if you keep propping up the opponents she is more than happy to shoot them down. In the boy's draw, Paul Martin stepped into the space

left by the defeated top seed, Jonathan Hind. His 6-2, 6-4

Czechoslovak back into the

contest. Hlasek served su-

perbly, moved confidently

and committed only 31 un-

forced errors to Novacek's 50.

Swiss pair would return next

year to defend the title. "We

couldn't ask for a better prep-

aration for the Australian

Open," she said. This will be

in Melbourne from January

HOPMAN CUP FINAL: Switzerland by Czechosłovaka, 2-1 Results: M Maleeva-Fragmère (Switz) bir H Sukova (Cz), 6-2, 6-4, J Hlasek (Switz) bir K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-4 Novacek and Sukova bir Hlasek and Maleeva-Fragmère, 8-4.

13 to 16.

Maleeva-Fragnière said the

is 6ft 3in tall and is still growing. Listing his hobbies as reading and eating, Martin is keen to join the profes-sional circuit "when I've filled out a bit". Given that he

> Martin has made his mark in the junior ranks since the summer and the only thing that is holding him back at the moment is a lack of sponsorship. Over the last few months, he has applied to 80 conpanies for backing, all to

However, at least this week he knows he has his best chance of claiming his first national title since he has previously beaten two of his three fellow semi-finalists.

RESULTS: Boys' quarter-Brists: P Martin (Avon) bit M Dunkley (Bedfordshire), 6-2, 6-4: L Milligan (Middlessa) bit G Jones (Kent), 6-2, 6-4: N Jones (Hereford and Worcaster) bit A Hill (Cheshire), 7-5, 6-2, M Inglem (Lancashere) bit J Wilserra (Middlesex), 6-1, 6-3, Girts' quarter-finate: L Jeffe (Oxfordshire) bit F Heam (Middlesex), 6-0, 6-4: L Woodroffe (Surrey) bit T Croson (Derbyshire), 6-1, 6-3, M Welmwight (Essex) bit 5 Donovan (Flerifordshire), 6-4 6-5 slackson (Cheshire) bit Z Malks (Essex), 6-0, 6-4.

Aftermath of injury puts the holder out

Unless David Boon got an

inside edge to those deliveries.

there was no way those deliv-

eries would have missed the

middle stump. But then, that

is Australian umpiring for

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

Total \$18 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-117, 3-127, 4-210, 5-248, 6-251, 7-258, 8-289, 9-313.

BCWLING: Kapil Dev 33-9-60-3; Prabhaka 39-12-82-3; Banarjee 18-4-47-3; Srinath 21-5-69-0; Shastri 13-1-37-0.

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Srinath to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-86. BOWLING: McDermott 17-7-27-1; Reid 4-0-10-0; Hughes 13-3-25-1; Wesugh 2-0-3-0; Werne 19-5-37-0; Border 1-1-0-0.

you," he said. (Agencies)

BRYAN Ingleby, the holder, has been forced to scratch from next week's President's Putter at Rye because of an injury incurred in the last term of 1991 at Cambridge (John Hennessy writes). During an impromptu

fencing match using umbrellas, as undergraduates some-times will, he was struck in the right eye and tore some muscles. The umbrella point passed to one side of the eyeball and he was lucky not to lose his sight in the eye. Ingleby, last year's univer-sity captain, was unable to

continue laboratory work on his chemical engineering course, and now has to make good that lapse. "I am desperately disappointed not to be able to defend," he said, "but my degree must come first." Ingleby's place in the draw

has been taken by John Brandow, who plays Mark Butler, perhaps a less de-manding opponent than his original first-round opponent, Jeremy Caplan, a former winner.

Ballesteros on his childhood, Saturday Review

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Leeds wary of a Manchester United backlash

Ferguson's men need to restore dignity in FA Cup

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

JUST in case Manchester United might have been prepared to sacrifice the second fixture in their three match, 11-day saga against Leeds United, along came Queen's Park Rangers.

Manchester United, winners of the FA Cup three times in the last nine years, might have been imagining there was no urgent need to pursue again the glamour of a triumph at Wembley in May and there was no pleasure in the prospect of playing at least four more emotionally draining ties before reaching

That thought vanished on Wednesday afternoon. Once they had conceded two goals within the first five minutes against Rangers and yielded the leadership of the first division. United were committed to restoring their honour and their dignity in the third heavy defeat, but who can tell



round Cup-tie tomorrow at

The Rumbelows Cup. though an inferior tournament, provides a quicker route to the national starium. The winners of next Wednesday's game between Leeds and United will be in the last four.

But the fires of United's ambitions, which might mo-mentarily have flickered, have been rekindled. Whether they burn fiercely enough to consume Leeds will be one of the fascinations of their third live television appearance within a week. Howard Wilkinson, for one, does not know what to expect.

"People are suggesting that we could suffer for United's

Atkinson plans to subdue Lineker

BY CLIVE WHITE

RON Atkinson, the Aston VIIis manager, is of the opinion that it takes the best to shackle the best. That is why he believes if Paul McGrath. whom he rates the best de-fender in the world, can contain Gary Lineker — "as good as any striker in the world" - Aston Villa can go, on to beat Tottenham Hotspur, the FA Cup-holders, in their third-round tie at

Villa Park tomorrow Atkinson has the utmost respect for Lineker's poaching skills and said yesterday that the player had even gone up in his estimation for what he has achieved over the last few games, while Lineker has played on despite the serious illness of his baby son.
"He has proved himself the complete professional," At-

kinson said. However, Atkinson is backing McGrath to win the most crucial duel of the match. "He's just signed a new one and a half year contract and is playing as well as at any can see him playing for another five years at least and I think it is a fair bet that he will see out his career here."

Atkinson, who won the competition twice when manager of Manchester United. has never faced Tottenham in his career. "It's true that while Spens have won the cup three times in the last 11 years, not even Cyrille Regis was born the last time Villa were winners in 1956." -

Peter Shreeves, his opposite number, senses something of the same spirit in the present Tottenham side that existed in the Tottenham team which must return a successfully defended the mo-phy terr years ago and is egging his players on to a record minth victory.

"When a club has a tradition like we do then, you have to use it to your advantage," he said. "It might not actually win you games, but it does help you motivate people. It can, of course, work the other way with seams wanting to put you out and that's something Arsenal have found as league."

have?" the manager of Leeds said yesterday. "We have enough to think about without worrying about that.

Alex Ferguson, who used

Ryan Giggs only as a substi-tute against Queen's Park Rangers and was without Andrei Kanchelskis, is expected to recall both wingers and leave Lee Sharpe on the bench. Mel Sterland, who should have recovered from a thigh injury, and Tony Detigo will therefore again be unable consistently to ad-

vance along the flanks. The movement of Gordon Strachan may be restricted as well, since he is still afflicted by sciatica, but Leeds promise to be at full strength. So. apart from the absence of Bryan Robson, will be Uni-ted, as long as Denis Irwin passes a late fitness test on a strained harnstring.

The psychological advan-tage has shifted marginally towards Leeds, but they will not need reminding that, after their predictable early surge, they lost control of midfield during the 1-1 draw last Sunday. Only when their opponents relaxed were they permitted to regain it and claim an equaliser and a

Both managers felt then that the balance in both cupties would be equally fine. It would be no great surprise if their predictions are accurate and the war of the roses, as the set of fixtures has become known, is extended by at least one replay at Old Trafford. Nor would it be wholly unexpected if the spirit of the occasion, which was admirably sporting during the first

game, descends to a lower The competitive instincts of David Batty have already spilled over into animosity and the caution issued last weekend has earned him an enforced break. He is con-vinced that he will not have to pay the penalty of being unavailable through suspension should there be another

"We can consider ourselves to be the best team in the country," he declared. "Everybody assumes that we are going to walk into a backlash and we will have to be on our guard. But I fancy us to win that, though, wouldn't he?



Youth offer Wrexham hope

IT IS an indication of how Wrexham's fortunes have stagnated since they last played Arsenal in an FA City tie that, 14 years on, Joey Jones and Mickey Thomas remain, respective-

ly, the most expensive players the club has bought and sold. But perhaps evenmore alarming than that, both are still playing for the As one might gather, the

budget for new players made available to Brian Flynn, the manager, is not even one twentieth of that enjoyed by George Graham, his opposite number this afn at the Racecourse Ground, In fact, no money at all, at least none to speak of, is made available to him

Flynn relies exclusively for new players on the youth policy he was obliged to build up on his appoint-ment as manager just over two years ago. So what, you may ask, are two old soldiers like Jones, aged 37 in February, and Thomas,

invaluable to the younger players. Besides, Thomas is just like an 18-year-old. He still can't keep still."

champions will be a YTS

boy. It is on days like this that

Flynn, are "competing

"Our under-12s are as them opportunity, a chance to learn their trade in the best possible way, at a fam-ily club — and that counts for a lot. We tell them that they can use us as a stepping stone to bigger things. The cream will always rise

to the top. In the past two years, sev en players have progressed the first team, though Flynn believes it will take five years before the club sees the full benefit of working with boys from the age of 14. Already, Wrexham have managed to sell one home-grown player this sea-son for £100,000 — Chris Armstrong to Millwall.

Flynn, himself a product of the once-excellent Burnley youth scheme that also threw up players like Leigh-ton James, Willie Morgan and Ralph Coates, is look-ing forward to renewing acmintance with Lee Dixon, the Arsenal right back whom John Bond, as Burnley manager, gave away on a free to Chester City. "I was also looking for-

ward to seeing Anders Limpar and Ian Wright, but unfortunately they're injured or suspended," Flynn said without a trace of

It does, however, give the chib that finished 92nd last season marginally more hope of coming home first against the champions at the Racecourse. As a player Flynn, at 5ft 4in, regularly lorded it over opponents against the odds, but he knows that it will be victory at the first attempt or not at all. That is unless Wrexham have it in mind to win their first away game of the

Aston Villa v Tottenham

A tie heavier than any other with cup tradition — 15 FA Cup victories between the two of them. Ron Atkinson will hope that Staurion returns to his "kamikaze" defence, as he called them on Wednesday.

them on Wednesday. Tottenham are lifted by the return of Durie, Bergsson and Nayim.

Chariton have arguably the most unenviable job of all, trying to

back on the beat for them at Upton Park

Charlton v Barnet

contain the free-scoring team from Underhill. Barnet have Showler, a police constable,

Leeds v Manchester U

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SNOOKER

Hendry makes sparkling progress

BY PHILYATES

STEPHEN Hendry, the world No. 1, progressed spectacularly into the sixth round of the Mercantile Credit Classic with a high quality 5-1 victory over his fellow-Scot. Paul McPhillips at the International Centre, Bournemouth yesterday.

Hendry, whose chances of overall success in the tournament were largely dismissed by his manager. Ian Doyle, three days ago, justified the bookmakers' decision to install him as favourite for the title by producing a blistering spell of break-building.

From 14-0 in the second frame. Hendry, who had compiled a 78 break in the first, scored 353 points without reply in what is believed to be a record for a ranking event. He won the third frame with a total clearance of 131 and followed this with a run of 129 in the next.

McPhillips, aged 20, from Glasgow, the surprising 5-2 conqueror of the former world champion, Joe Johnson, in the previous round, averted a whitewash by tak-ing the fifth.

Danny Fowler, Hendry's opponent today, potted brown to pink in the deciding frame to beat Dennis, Taylor, the ninth seed 5-4.

Neal Foulds, the world No. 6, became the highest ranked player to be eliminated. He was beaten 5-3 by John Virgo, ranked 31st, who had prevailed in only two matches in the first seven ranking tournaments of the 1991-2 season.

Jimmy White, 3-1 down to Mark Rowing in the fourth round before winning 5-3, was again forced to recover from a two-frame deficit at the mid-session interval as he beat Stephen Murphy, of Dublin, by the same score.

John Parrott, the world and UK champion, beat Wayne Jones 5-1 but Steve James, developing into of the most inconsistent performers in the top 16, was defeated 5-1 by Ken Doherry, of Ireland.

RESULTS: Fifth round: K Dohesty (Rep int) by S James (Eng), 5-1; S Hendry (Soot) by P McPhilips (Soot), 5-1; J Parnett (Eng) br W Jones (Wales), 5-1; J White (Eng) br S Wuphey (Rep Int), 5-3; A Robidous, (Can) bt S Francasco (SA), 5-2; J Wattens (That) bt L

IN BAILE

Piquet to run his own team

Nelson Piquet will be launching his own motor racing team, based in Britain, to contest the 1992 International Formula 3000 championship. In an announcement made yesterday at the Auto Sports International show in Birmingham, Piquet confirmed that his team will be based near Snetterton in Norfolk and will run a pair of the latest March-Ralt RT24 cars.

The deal renews a long standing relationship between the Ralt designer, Ron Tauranac, and Piquet.

Davis Cup recall

Tennis: John Fitzgerald, the world's top-ranked doubles player, was yesterday recalled to the Australian Davis Cup team to meet Yugoslavia in a first-round match in Cyprus.

Spanish honour

Olympic Games: Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, has been made a marquis by King Juan Car-los, of Spain. He takes the newly created hereditary title, Marquis of Samaranch.

Ovett is selected Luge: Nick Ovett, brother of the Olympic 800-metre gold medal winner, Steve, was yesterday chosen to compete for Britain in the luge event at the Winter Olympics in Al-

bertville next month. **Elliott wins sprint**

Athletics: Malcolm Elliot, from Hawick, won the New Year Sprint at the first attempt at Meadowbank yesterday. Elliot, aged 25, was timed at 11.09sec for the 110 metres from his start of 8.25 metres.

Barriers to success

Cyclo-cross: Three 15in high wooden barriers, have been introduced around the course for today's General Portfolio National Open championships at Harlow to give Britain's leading riders a taste of what to expect in next month's world title races at

Blackburn v Kettering Blackburn are at full strength to the arrival of the Poppies, all 4,500 of them. Graham, their leading acorer lest essent, is doubtful.

Bolton v Reading

Bolton's lest won this competition in 1959 but they will be competition in 1929 but hely relieved to reach the fourth round now. McPherson, the Reading captain, could miss his first game in 18 months because of a broken nose.

Bournemouth v Newcastle Newcastle may take the extraordinary precaution of including a goalkeaper among their substitutes because neither. Srnicek nor Wright can-be confidently declared fit.
Bournemouth must decide

Brighton v Crawley

Bristol C v Winsbledon Victory for Wimbledon will be more of a surprise than defeat against their decond division opponents. Sanchez, their match winner in the "38 final, returns. Gavin has recovered from a groin strain to play in an Enchanged

Barnley v Derby

A questy one for Derby-at the home of the fourth division leaders. Chalk, who scored on his first full appearance for Derby, stands by to replace the injured Micidewhite. Pearce, the long-serving Burnley goalkeeper, is overlooked in levour-of Kendell.

Covenity v Cambridge If one is looking for a first christon team to lose at home to more junior opposition then look no further than Highfield Road. Cambridge may restore Heathcote. Flynn, who is cup-tied is replaced by Furlong in the Coventry side.

Everton v Southend With a win finelty under their belt after an unproductive spell,

Everton ought to be able to make their class-tell against . Southend. Cottee could return to a place on the bench. Southend wait on Scully, who has a out

Exeter v Portsmouth Portsmouth, aiready missing Clarks, have three more players struggling to be fit in time — Borns, Anderton and Whittingham.

Huddersfield v Millwall Felico could start his first game for Milwail in two months following a calf injury. Colquinour may also return. Huddersfield await

Hull v Chelsea Bessant, for Chelsea, is hoping that treatment will have eased a trapped nerve: Hockaday, who has not played all season, hopes for a place on the Hull bench.

Ipswich v Hartlepool ipswich, former FA Cup holders, should have too much pedigree for their opponents and are at full strength, too.

Hartiepool are without Honour (suspended) and Johnson ded) and Johnson. Leicester v Crystal Palace

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Leicester are not in the best of shape to overturn the odds; Pools the goalkeeper, Roid and Kitson all have complaints of some sort. But then Palace are not exactly a picture of health, either, with Thomas and particularly Thom doubtful.

Middlesbrough v Man City City, looking to average their Rumbelows Cup detest at Ayresome Park, have lost the services of Reid, their playerservices of Heid, their puryer-manager, again with a hamstring injury. McMahon and Hill are indisposed with the same compleint. Coton has recovered from food polsoning. Pollock deputises for Proctor in Middlesbrough's line-up.

Norwich v Barnsley

Notim Forest v Wolves The start of another fruitless FA Cup journey for Brian Clough, the manger of last season's beaten finalists? Wolves should not detain them, perticularly without Mountfield, their on-loan defender whom Aston Villa do not want o-tied. Rimb is doubtful because of flu. Forest are unchanged.

Oldham v Leyton Orient Due to the absence of Halle and Milligan, Oldhem have included Donachie, a youthful 40-year-dop bayer-cosch, in their squed of 14. Bernard returns

Oxford v Transsere Aldridge returns to the scene of former glory in an unchanged Trainmere side to do to Oxford what he regularly did to Manor Ground visitors

Preston v Sheffield Wed This one has all the makings of a genuine cup surprise. Walson is expected take over from the injured Hirst in a Wednesday attack which may also lack Williams (ankle). Shirtliff has flu. Famworth takes over in the Preston goal from Kelly.

Sheffield U v Luton An opportunity for two relegation strugglers to take their

leaders have been beaten once in 28 games and are at full strength. Judge returns in goel for Hereford Wrexham v Arsenal

The end of Arsenel's season?
Probably not Wreichem are no push-overs at home and may be encouraged by the absence of Limper. Wright and Bould in the Arsenal team.

The Ouellists, Part Two. Strachan will continue to play through his back mjury in the cause of Leeds and Sterland will do likewise. United welcome back Irwin after the QPR drubbing and Kanchelskis Giggs is likely to start this time as United attempt to field a more familiar line-up.

Paris: Citroen, the pre-race the Frenchman, Laurent favourites, upstaged by the Paris-Cape Town rally, struck back in the 663kilometre ninth stage

trol. Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan, finished third and his French colleague, Hubert Auriol, came in sixth to keep his overall lead from another Mitsubishi driver, Erwin We-

Auriol leads by more than half-an-hour midway through the 24-day race. Two children were injured, one seriously, when a car went off

the road yesterday.

Charbonnel, winner of the prologue on a Suzuki, scored his second stage win. Another rider from France, Stephane Peterhansel, was fifth on a Yamaha and stretched his overall lead to nearly seven minutes.

Today, the race moves away from the familiar trails used in the Paris-Dakar rally for the past 13 years with a 660-km stage to Yaounde, in Cameroon. (Reuter)

Cameroon. (Reuter)
RESULTS: Ninth stage (Sairr to Bouer, Central African Republic): 1, A Valanen (Fin), Citroen, 6mm 55sec in pensites 2, 3 Waldegard (Swe), Citroen, 4: 1.45; 3, K Strinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, 3, 31, 4, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubishi, 4:43, 5, H Aunol (Fr), Mitsubishi, 6:21, 6, S Servia (Sp.), Lade, 6:38; 7, J telor (Fr), Citroen, 7:43, 5, H Aunol (Fr), Citroen, 10:04; 9, A Ambrosino (Fr), Toyota, 10:29, Motorcycles; 1, L Charlonnel (Fr), Suzula, 1:327, 2, E Onol, III), Cagron, at 15sec, 3, Cotelo (Sp.), Giera, 57 Overall standlings: 1, Aunol, 14th Olimin 29sec, 2, Waber, et 22:06; 3, Shirozuka, 32:35; 4, Waldegard, 152:58; 5, Vatamen, 3:12:47; 6, Lartique, 3:43:31, 7, Idox, 4:29:47; 8, Servia, 5:52:06; 9, Ambrosino, 5:16:16, 10, Wambergue, 5:49; 12, Motorcycles; 1, S Peterramael (Fr), Yemaha, 35:47:32; 2, D Laporte (US), Cagiva, et 6:49; 3, J Arcanons (Sp.), Cagiva, 23:14

Sue Carr for the final run-up type of yachts. . for selection to the Barcelona Tydeman. Beneteau's UK representa- Games.

Relishing the challenge: Flynn, the Wrexham manager, prepares at the Racecourse Ground yesterday one can understand why Wrexham, according to Clive White on a club relying on youth and favourably with the big boys when it comes to signing the best young talsurprise today ent produced in North iged 38, doing in this kindergarten.
"Lending experience," good a group as any in England and Wales." Flynn Flynn, who donned 66 caps himself for his country, said. "We don't give inducesaid. "We've got Gordon ments, but we can offer

Davies here, too, on the playing staff and Kevin Reeves is my assistant. Their experience has been

Jones, who doubles up as the first-team coach, is nursing an injury, but, due called on today from the substitutes bench. Circum-stances means 15 full professionals, of which two are goalkeepers. The other substitute to face the League

mind off matters. Auton Villa have given permission for Gage, who is on loan to the Bramali Lane club, to play, but Nottingham Forest have declined to do likewise about Sulton, who is on loan to Luton. Hence the return of Chamberlain. United are without Pemberton and Gayle.

Sunderland v Port Vale Sunderland, still managerless, leave out Goodman, their record signing, who is cup-liad. Davenport comes in while Rogan replaces Ball, who is suspended.

Woking v Hereford Hereford, once upon a time non-League giant killers of some repute, find the boot on the other foot. The Diadora League

MOTOR RALLYING

Vatanen gives Citroën share of the success

yesterday. The four-times Paris-Da-

while in liter

Crawley revert to the team that disposed of Northempton in an earlier round. Meade starts his tirst game in five weeks for Brighton. YACHTING French offer offshore

> one-design solution BY BARRY PICKTHALL BENETEAU, the French boat-builder, yesterday responded to the concerns expressed by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) at the low level of interest in the

1993 Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup international offshore series. Beneteau has renewed its offer to develop an inexpensive one-design yacht to replace one of the three grand

prix classes. Alan Green, the RORC's race director, has written to the owners of all existing onetonners, two-tonners and 50ft IOR race yachts, asking them for their commitment to the British series before the end of March. If, as seems likely, this initiative produces fewer than ten three-boat teains from around the world, then the club will reconsider the

tive, said at the London Boat Show: "We are very excited at the prospect of developing an offshore racing design for the series. We have already submitted detailed proposals outlining a choice of two Bruce Farr designs of 40 and 50ft."

Tydeman claimed that the yachts would be developed as a strict one-design class, with a clean, uncomplicated deck layout to test crews. However, the boats would also be fitted with sensible interiors so that they can double as cruisers. [] The Rover Group is to sponsor the Scottish offshore race series on the Clyde from May 21 to 26. The series auracted a record 270 crews last year, and the organisers expect 300 entries this May. Debbie Jarvis, one of Britain's leading Olympic 470 sailors, has teamed up with

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Minnesote Timberwohes 91; Detroit Pistons 105, Houston Rockets 63; Utah Jezz
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Supersonics 113, Missra Heat 109 (OT);
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BOWLS YETTON TRIOPHY (Woman's Inter-club championship): Triind. round: South Tyneside 75. Altercastle 84; Darington 87, Herdepool 59: Blackpool Neurison Hall 59, Swinton 102: York 8 55, York A 97; Boston 105. Spatiding 48; Nottingham A 98, Charmedool 8 63; City of Ely 58. Cambridge Chaesterion 8 69; St Neots 98. Kettaring 55; North Walsham 84, County Arbs. A 61; Ipswich 61, Beccies 55; Colchester A 78, Bishops Stortford 86; Essex County A 77; Thury A 85; Tys Green 70, Barting B 90; Caritury 85; Mensfield 89; Desborough A 81, Riversaln 87; Herte 88; Hartiseld 79; Ropby 77, Erdington Court 59; Westlesot 87, Melvern Hits 46; Mole Valley 67, King George A 89; Westlesot 87, Individual File Croydon A 109; Folkestinne 78, Stour 81; Oestloon 78, Temple 74; Sotton 8 96, Croydon A 109; Folkestinne 78, Stour 81; Oestloon 4 85; Americy 8 85, Solant 75; Dolphin B 61; Bridgott 80; Cithan 53, Northanon 98; Rmineser 87, Ysouli 76; Telabridge 78; Torbay A 85; Bodenin A 48, Westloonwall, A 125; Cithan 64.

CYCLING COLOGNE: Six-day race: Leading positions (after tourth night): 1, 5 Tourné (Bel) and R Gonther (Ger), 48pts, At one les: 2, R Stumpl (Ger) and B Holenweger (Switz), 105; 3, A Korpoza (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 76; 4, J Goergen (Ger) and J Veoparby (Den), 74; 5, T Doyle (GB) and J Veoparby (Den), 74; 5, T Doyle (GB) and D Woods (Aus), 41; At seven taps 6, T Duntat and A - (Geas (Ger), 64; 7, K Gwabzov and M Garreyre (CS), 38.

TENNIS.

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S. Shone (Egypt), 9-7, 9-3, 9-2, 9-4, 9-0

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konship: First round: A Lawson bt R Guyan. 15-3, 15-6. J Atcheson-Grey bt J Grant, 15-12, 11-15. 15-3; K Walter bt J Beaumont, 17-14. 15-1; Cusarter-finals: L Danby bt R Lawson, 15-6. 15-5. P to Marchand bx J Atcheson-Gray, 18-14, 11-15, 18-13. T Barker bt K Walter, 15-1, 15-2 Peel Hunt Brinsh Under-21 doubles championship: Semi-final: T Barker and L Danby bt J Grant and J Beaumont, 15-3, 15-3, 15-7 Mitsubishi since the start of

> kar winner, Ari Vatanen, of Finland, was fastest in the 260km timed section leading the way from Chad to Bouar in the Central African Republic, ahead of his team mate. Biorn Waldegard, of Sweden. But Mitsubishi kept con-

ber, of Germany.

In the motorcycle section,

THE TIMES SPORT

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Manchester United will shrug off defeat



Chapman: scored twice

THE FA Cup is probably the most glamorous club competition in the world and Manchester United are, perhaps, the most glamorous club in the world. These two factors should create an exhilarating atmosphere at Elland Road tomorrow. Although all three of our games with United are equally im-portant, most football lovers will regard this as the one to

tion of success in the FA Cup and, their defeat by Queen's Park Rangers notwithstanding, this season they seem capable of extending their range to include the most difficult of all competitions, the League championship. Alex Ferguson, their manager, has assembled the club's strongest squad for many years, albeit by using finanvery few, and their strength in depth has already played a significant part in their quest

They have maintained their challenge for the championship, even in the prolonged absence of their captain, Bryan Robson.way. His neversay-die attitude is a great example to those around him. It is also extremely disconcerting for those playing against him. Any successful team will be involved in many tight matches and a player of Robson's attributes can tilt

the balance. Earlier in the season, we were hanging on to a 1-0 lead at Old Trafford with four minutes to play. Typically, it was Robson's determination that brought his team a dramatic late equaliser. Approaching his mid-thirties, he On the eve of his club's FA Cup thirdround tie with Manchester United,

Lee Chapman, of Leeds United, gives his assessment of the opposition

seems to have retained the one quality that enables a player to outlast most contemporaries - enthusiasm. 79 Two of the other important

reasons for United's success this year are Brian McClair and Neil Webb. I know the value of Webb to a team from my time with him at Nottingham Forest. His distribution and his ability to make great forward runs into the opposition penalty area made him a

The Forest system used Nigel Clough in a deep role, giving Webb the chance to

make those penetrating runs. At United, he plays more of a sitting role in midfield in order to accommodate the two wingers. This has often led people to draw the incorrect conclusion that he has lost a yard of pace. Nevertheless, he still contributes important goals, as he

meeting last Sunday. From what I hear, McClair has still to endear himself to many of the Old Trafford regulars. If this true, it per-

demonstrated in our first

bution, his work-rate, his eye for a goal and his ability to play in several positions. His tireless tracking back was the reason many of our moves faltered in our first encounter.

Any successful team has to contain a high degree of crearive ability but, more importantly, it must possess the ability to destroy. United have conceded fewer goals than any other team in the first

United's policy of playing two wingers means their fullbacks are not required to venture forward and so leave holes for the opposition to exploit. The defence is strengthened by the dominating figure of Peter Schmeichel. As with most continental keepers, his intro-duction to English football ing with crosses. He seems to have adapted now and presents a formidable barrier to opponents, as well as being an initiator of attacks with his powerful throws.

Lee Sharpe's return to fitness allows United the luxury to choose from Sharpe, Ryan Giggs and Andrei Kan-chelskis for the two wing positions. It seems Sharpe and Giggs will be used in alternating spells so that their outstanding talents will be allowed to blossom. All three possess the skill to unlock stubborn desences.

United's defeat on New Year's Day was a shock not only to them but to everyone. in the game. But perhaps it should not have been so surprising: three days earlier, they had played us in a match which was physically and

mentally draining for both teams. The mental strain in particular was. I suspect, an influence on the 4-1 scoreline. Our own performance at also left a lot to be desired. despite our 3-1 victory. On another day, we might have

been exposed. For my own part, two goals at Upton Park gave me a great start to the new year. I had gone four games withour scoring and, no matter what stage you are at in your career, after a while you begin to wonder if you have lost the knack.

Everyone will be looking at United tomorrow, but we will be surprised if they come to Elland Road in any different frame of mind to that of last Sunday.

Uniteds prepare, page 31.

Indiscipline overshadows FA Cup weekend

Dismissals soar as pressure grows on players

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOOTBALL today goes into three days of 32 FA Cup third-round ties - potentially the most exciting and most explosive weekend of the season - against a background of growing unrest between players and referees and play-

ers and spectators. Figures being finalised by the Football Association show a rise of almost 40 per cent on last season's 233 sendingsoff: 166 this season against 119 at the same stage in 1990-91. The rate, if maintained, will mean 300 sendings-off in a season for the first time.

The statistics follow a spate of disciplinary moves in the last 24 hours: the FA fined Vinny Jones, of Chelsea, £1,500 for making abusive gestures to the crowd at Arsenal in October; Frank Sinclair, a Chelsea player on loan to West Bromwich Albion, was suspended from next Monday after being charged by the FA with assaulting a referee; two Sheffield United players refused to pay fines imposed after they had been accused of gesturing to the crowd; and police investigated a complaint from Nigel Winterburn, of Arsenal, about insults directed at him from the crowd.

The FA's analysis shows that red cards for denying an opponent a scoring opportu-nity — the professional foul account for only ten extra sendings-off, from 34 to 44. The main increase in dismissals is in the top two divisions of the League - where clubs are fighting to preserve or gain a place in the new Premier League next season.

John Goggins, the Football League's referees' officer, said yesterday: "The figures will make interesting reading. People have been blaming the professional foul but referees have coped well with new pressures of the changes in CUPODDS

Arsenal are 5-1 fevourite with Ladbrokes to win the FA Cup, with Liverpool and Manchester United next best at 8-1.

OTHER PRICES: 9: Leeds. 10: Notting ham Forest. 12: Everton. 14: Tottonham 16: Sheffield Wartnesday.

"I wouldn't be so bold as to say that every performance by every referee is gilt-edged but I haven't observed any significant difference in standards from last year or the year before. It is obvious that there are other pressures which are contributing to the increase."

The introduction last season of the crackdown on the professional foul halted four consecutive years of improved behaviour.

Sinclair was charged by the FA over his clash of heads with Paul Alcock, the referee who sent him off for violent conduct in the third division match at Exeter last Saturday. Sinclair faces a minimum 112-day suspension if he is found guilty of a technical assault on the referee.

Sinclair has an automatic three-game ban from next Saturday but because of the seriousness of Alcock's allegations the player has been suspended from Monday.

The two Sheffield United players punished by the FA for alleged incidents involving supporters have refused to pay their fines. The players, Simon Tracey and Carl Bradshaw, were both fined a week's wages after an investigation into reported gestures

during the match against Sheffield Wednesday last

Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, said: "We can find no corroborating evidence on our own video of the veillance tapes. Without independent back-up, the players do not see how they can be disciplined in this way. It opens the door to alarming

The FA acted following a report by the police, who instigated an enquiry when some Wednesday supporters complained about the players' gestures after United's

Ken Friar, Arsenal's managing director, said yesterday that the club had not made an official complaint to the police after a confrontation between Winterburn, the Arsenal full-back, and supporters during the I-1 draw with Wimbledon on New Year's day.

Chief superintendent Paul Mathias, the police com-mander for matches at Highbury, said: "It seems Mr Winterburn was the subject of some particuarly nasty personal abuse. We will be speaking to him and anyone else who can help us."

It would appear that any complaint from Arsenal has come from Winterburn himself. He is quoted as saying: 'A lot of Arsenal fans must have wondered what was going on and have felt that I was having a go. But I can assure them I was angry at only one person."

Another Arsenal player, Paul Davis, has been fined £3,000 for his public criticism of the manager, George Graham. In a newspaper article, Davis described his role in the side as "boring, stale and

Flynn's blend, page 31 Cup team news, page 31

he next World Cup will not be held in the

It will be held in Argentina.

That is the rumour that is

reaches of the football world.

It seems that the sport's

international governing

body. Fifa, has suddenly no-ticed that the people of the United States do not give a

damn about the game they call sah-kerr. The World Cup

draw, held last month in New

York, was remarkable for its

lack of Americans. The city's

mayor was not there; there

was not even Henry Kissin-

ger. In a recession, with

television revenues plummet-ing and CBS declaring a loss, nobody is going to risk mil-

lions on a game that nobody

wants to watch. There are

now very real fears that this is

the wrong sport in the wrong

According to the rumours,

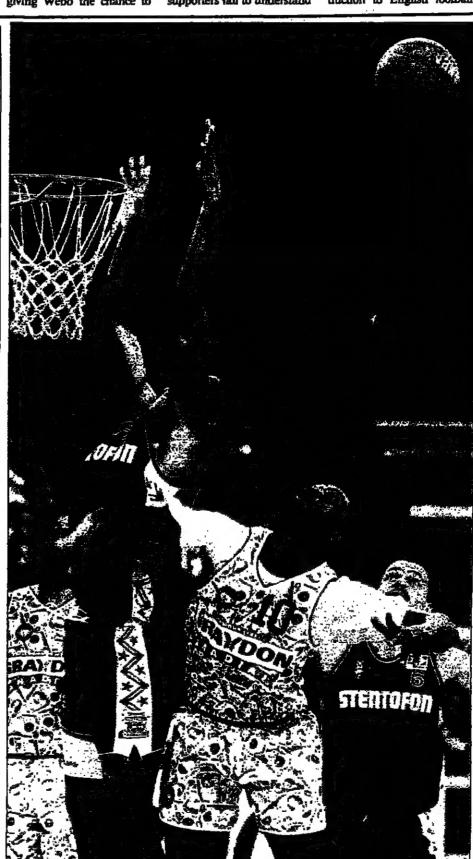
the Fifa president, João

Havelange, had cold feet about the feasiblity of the

United States World Cup. He

country at the wrong time.

United States after all.



Heron, of Worthing, rises to a rebound in the 103-99 defeat of Amsterdam Canadians at Crystal Palace. Report, page 30. Photograph: Ian Stewart

11 days over Christmas on his

Offiah joins Wigan for a £440,000 fee

MARTIN Offiah finally got his wish yesterday when he was transferred from Widnes to Wigan at a world record rugby league fee of £440,000, eclipsing the £250,000 paid by Leeds to Wigan for Ellery Hanley. Offiah will go straight into the Wigan team for tomorrow's Stones Bitter championship game with Wakefield Trinity, a match which will now attract a huge gate because of Offiah's presence on the left wing his favoured position for Widnes

and Great Britain. The sage of Offish's transfer has dragged on since last May. It began on the morning of the final of the premiership between Widnes and Hull at Old Trafford, when request. This was rejected. and, after the game, Offiah ran off the field without col-

lecting his loser's medal. Since then, Offiah has re-fused to play for Widnes, other than in a meaningless 30 minutes with the reserve team. His determination to leave the club, aggravated by the hostility of the Widnes: supporters when Offiah made an appearance in the

streets of the town, was met by equally obdurate determination by the Widnes directors to keep him.

The signing of the League's leading try-scorer for the past four seasons underlines the persistance of Wigan in pursuing a big name. Wigan's financial reserves will be stretched to the limits because Offiah's personal terms will almost certainly increase the final cost to the Central Park club to around £1 million.

John Monie, the Wigan coach said: "I think it's wonderful news. There is not a coach in the game who would not welcome Offish with open arms."

Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, said: "Wigan's with great wingers and now perhaps we have landed the greatest of all. The size of the fee is worrying but we are not in the business of making lots of money, we are in the business of surviving financially

and winning trophies."
Offiah said: "I am glad it's all over, and I can resume my playing career again."

Cheerful Barrow, page 28

McCain anxious over Red Rum's health

National winner, is in poor health and is being examined by a vet every day. Now 27, Red Rum is suffering from "blockage in an artery" and Ginger McCain, his trainer, is anxious about the horse's

chances of recovery. "He is definitely uncomfortable and we're worried," McCain said yesterday. Normally he's a great eater but he's off his grub. The vet can't put his finger on it, but it's a colicky kind of complaint. He's on a course of treatment and we're doing all we can."

Red Rum became one of the immortals of turf history

RED Rum, the triple Grand ive Nationals in the Seventies, winning three and finishing second twice.

In 1973 he just caught the exhausted Crisp in the shadow of the post in one of the most famous of all Aintree finishes. Twelve months later he was promoted to folk hero status when defying 12 stone to beat L'Escargot.

Runner-up to that horse and then to Rag Trade in the following two Nationals, Red Rum made an unforgettable return to the Liverpool winner's enclosure in 1977. Aged 12, he galloped clear of Churchtown Boy on the long run-in to claim his place in the history books, and the

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SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

been contingencey plans with Sepp Blatter, the secretary-general of the European football body, Uefa. And they have come up with Argentina. gentine Football Association

are delighted by all this.

The only reservation so far expressed by the president, Carlos Menem, is that this could affect the Brady Plan. under which the US is committed to send aid to South America. Message to President Menem: George Bush doesn't give a monkeys about sah-kerr.

As for me, I leave such matters in the hand of God. Marathon man

his column sends greet-

ing to Steve Edwards.

who succeeded in fin-

way to setting a record for the number of marathons run in the course of a year. The Christmas Eight were all run around the gloriously flat expanses of Romney Marsh. Fascinating fact: his fastest time came in the eighth and last marathon, which he completed in 3hr 2min. Another runner competed in all eight Christmas marathons dressed as Superman: after all, a marathon isn't a mara-thon without a man dressed as Superman. He beat his personal best by five minutes in the last race. Logical conclusion: marathon runners should run 26 miles 385 yards

gluttons now plan to race two more marathons on the eighteenth and nineteenth of the

every day if they want to break records. The Romney

Why mystery surrounds the World Cup

□ Every country, and every Wimbledon newspaper, has a different perspective, and therefore a different opinion. The movers and shakers on the The

Times sportsdesk say that our top four stories of the last year, in no particular order, were the Rugby World Cup. Liz McColgan, the England cricket team, and the Gazza saga. What, no ski-jumpers?

Lewis is No. 1 hat was the world's top sports story of 1991? Associated

Press news agency polled its clients all over the world outside North America for the answer. They come up

1. Carl Lewis breaks 100 metres record. 2. Mike Powell breaks longjump record. 3. Magic Johnson is HIV

4. Maradona's disgrace.
5. South Africa back in Olympic movement. 6. Monica Seles dominates women's tennis, misses

7. Sergei Bubka beats pole vault record several times. 8. France beat United States to win Davis Cup.

10. South Africa return to international cricket; tour India

II. Liverpool back in Europe after six-year ban.
12. Katrin Krabbe wins 100 metres and 200 metres. 13. Michael Stich wins Wimbledon. 14. Ayrton Senna wins third

Formula One championship. 15. Ben Johnson's unsuccessful return.

Some points: even without north American votes, the top three stories all concerned Americans. All Americans involved are black. The prominence of the Magic Johnson story is probably a reflection of its timing: it broke a formight before the poll. The Maradona story is almost a year old.

Honours even

ir Colin Cowdrey, sirred in the new year honours, would have received his knighthood 20 years ago had

9. Mike Tyson on rape he been selected captain for the tour of Australia in 1970-1. Ray Illingworth got the job instead, and England won easily. Ted Heath, then prime minister, was a great Cowdrey supporter, and would certainly have spoken up for him. As it was, Cowdrey was made a CBE on

knighted for his subsequent

labours for cricket. Another quasi-anomaly in the sporting honours list was Tom Finney, who became a CBE 30 years after he was awarded the OBE. Apparently, this was a reward for his community work as president of Preston North End. There must be hundreds of genuinely great sporting people who never received official recognition, generally because there was something un-acceptable about their public persona, social background or colour. Any suggestions for the forgotten heroes and

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